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Park Jin Hyuk's flesh and muscles are tougher and stronger than that of a cow. To find a comparison for something that the infestor is trying to dig through, it would be like a bullet.

Park Jin Hyuk took off the right part of his metal armor. He put the dagger he always carried with him to his armpit and cut it off.

The action was quick. A series of processes happened within seconds.

"Ack!"

There is a terrible pain is picking at his right shoulder. He does not know where he found the courage to cut it, but all he thought about was how to prevent infection.

Kyak!

A brown infestor came out through the cut. Park jin Hyuk brandished his dagger again, skewered it, and popped it with his foot.

He stumbled, but regained his balance. Body modification does not control the flow of blood. He is dizzy from losing so much blood at one time.

'I guarantee that if I had been infected, everyone on the ark would have died.'

He is right. A brown infestor is limited to level 4, but its growth increases with the host's abilities. It would have become a level 5.

If that happens, the mission level would have become C and it would have been a special mission.

He leaned on the center of the Head Hunter and looked at the party members. While he was being attacked, 4 of the brown infestors had secured infection targets.

"Ugh... Damn it."

Two level 3s are protecting the level 4s for a smooth transition. He needs to prevent them, but he does not have the strength. He cannot snipe with one hand.

Park Jin Hyuk dropped dozens of bombs on the ground. He also held a fever shot in his hand. The second he sets this off, there will be a series of explosions.

“Let’s die together.”

It’s already unfair that he’s dying, but to die alone? Bullshit! He’ll take all of them with him. The level 3s watched him without moving from their positions.

Kwajik!

The hosts that have had their brains taken over by the brown infestors are starting to change. Once it is over, they will be the same as the level 4 they saw in the 1st sleeping room.

The party members despaired with the situation unfolding before them, and the soldiers were panicking.

The level 4s took their metal armors off and all looked at Park Jin Hyuk.

To kill him? They want his outstanding physical ability. The four of them conversed in the language of parasites. They are figuring out who will take his body.

One of the level 4s took a step forward. It is the one that was born the fastest of the four. They do not have a concept of order, but that is how the decision was made.

Park Jin Hyuk kicked the bombs rolling around under his feet. If he wants to widen the range of the explosions, he needs to control the distances between the bombs.

“Bang!”

Park Jin Hyuk made a sound with his mouth, and motioned with his fingers. He meant that he would set the bombs off if they came close but surprisingly, they understood.

“They all try to use tricks...”

The infected host circles the area with Park Jin Hyuk at the center. He cannot tell whether it is trying to observe him or if it is trying to figure out the locations of the

bombs.

Kyak!

The level 4s were standing far from the bombs when they called the level 3s in.

The level 3s received their orders and approached Park Jin Hyuk without complaints. If they cannot take over him, they mean to kill him with sacrifices.

Park Jin Hyuk cannot take on two level 3s with his arm cut off.

He needs to choose between setting the bombs off or fighting, but he will be overpowered if he fights. But it would not be satisfying to only take out 2 of them by setting the bombs off.

Park Jin Hyuk crouched down. He will get at them quickly and set the bombs off all at once. If he cannot kill all of them, he needs to kill the level 4s.

-[Jin Hyuk, Jin Hyuk? Hold out for 5 minutes! We're almost there. We're just around the corner!]

Cha Jun Sung radioed in. If he is around the corner, he is just a stone's throw away. He is saying that he will arrive at the bunker in 5 minutes. But it is hard to hold out for 1 minute, let alone 5.

-[Sorry. Jun Sung, even 30 seconds is hard. I'll take these guys with me.]

-[Hey!]

"Whew!"

He had become so strong, but to die because of these guys. He is dejected. He had wanted to get past level C and go all the way to S. He did not know that he would fall at just D.

Beep!

Kyak?

At the moment that Park Jin Hyuk was about to run at them, the hosts became

surprised and started screaming.

There is a high frequency sound from afar that parasites can hear though humans cannot. The infection pocket is calling its subordinates.

Bang bang!

At the call, the hosts lost interest in Park Jin Hyuk and ran to the bunker entrance. They looked to be in a rush.

Park Jin Hyuk had been ready to die, and did not understand the situation. What is this? Why are they running away all of a sudden? No – have they disappeared?

There was a reason for the hosts' behavior. This high frequency sound is a signal for danger. It means that something has happened to the infection pocket.

"I've been brought back from death."

Park Jin Hyuk collapsed to the ground. He was dizzy from spilling so much blood, but he was also lacking in strength because his tension was released.

"Hey, hey! Treatment!"

"Yes."

One surviving medic came to him with his arm. He was uneasy about it because it is an arm that the infestor had gone in and out of, but a simple test shows that the inside is clean.

Park Jin Hyuk wanted to receive treatment in the briefing room, but he decided to reattach the arm because the mission has not ended yet and it could become more dangerous.

He cannot exert his full abilities as a sniper with one arm. The medic was next to him, scanning his body and preparing for surgery.

The medic, who had been watching the battle, glanced at Park Jin Hyuk in disbelief. He had been in a crisis and had done something that no one else could have done.

It is not movement that a body that has gone through the 2nd stage of body

modifications can handle.

‘I guess I can’t hide it anymore.’

His arm hurts with shooting pain. He would leave things as they come because he does not want a headache on top of that.



Cha Jun Sung was desperate. The radio with Park Jin Hyuk bothered him. He said that he can’t hold out! He said that he would take them with him! Jin Hyuk dying? This cannot be.

“Corner!”

Cha Jun Sung rounded the corner. He has superior speed, so the party was far behind him. It would be a few minutes before they catch up to him.

As soon as he turned the corner, he encountered the infection hosts that were running somewhere. There are a lot of them. The four level 4s and two level 3s that have come from the bunker.

Normally, he would have avoided them, but sparks fired from Cha Jun Sung’s eyes as he was worrying about Park Jin Hyuk. Nothing would have happened to him, right? He cannot forgive them.

Cha Jun Sung took the pin out of a grenade and hit it with the Wolf Kill as if it were a baseball. The grenade flew forward and blew up.

Bang bang bang bang!

The level 4s avoided it with their unique body movements, but the level 3s could not react completely and were swept away with the debris. They are not weak though, and are still alive.

Cha Jun Sung leapt up and ran along a wall with pipes. His racing speed let him defy gravity for a moment.

-[This is Lim Si Hyun. We sent Hercules back ahead of us. It will take a long time to explain, but we embedded the engine room map in it.]

“So you guys are trying to get back to protect the force? But I don’t want to send you.”

Lim Si Hyun had radioed in. There is a limit to the human memory, so information needs to be repeated. That is why they cannot accommodate a large quantity.

A cyborg is a computer. With its capacity, nothing is impossible.

Memorizing a map is a piece of cake. The engine room is far, but Hercules can be faster than Cha Jun Sung if it turns on the booster.

-[I’m safe.]

-[Oh!]

-[I was wondering why they started retreating all of a sudden. I see it’s because of the source.]

Cha Jun Sung was relieved. Park Jin Hyuk is alive, but he cannot let the hosts go. If he sends them now, Lim Si Hyun will be surrounded.

He brandished the Wolf Kill. The level 4s step back. If they had been hit, they would have been cut in half. They are shrewd. No matter how rushed they are, they are not letting their guards down.

Kuk!

The hosts roar. It seems they are telling him to clear the path. If he were going to do that, he would not have blocked it in the first place.

Cha Jun Sung took his stance. In fighting in close quarters, he is definitely better than Park Jin Hyuk. His battle style is concentrated in that area in the first place.

“Come.”

“Jun Sung!”

Koharu and Kyoko see the hosts and their eyes widen. There are 6 of them. Of them, 4 look similar to the level 4s they saw before.

3 parties arrived behind the sisters. They were surprised by the hosts’ savage

construction for a moment, and then prepared to fight.

-[Master! We encountered 6 infected hosts. They are estimated to be levels 3 and 4, and they seem to be going to protect the infection pocket!]

-[We'll take care of a few of them. Let them through.]

The hosts are too powerful for Cha Jun Sung to take care of on his own.

The party members heard the radio and gently created gaps. The hosts were in such a rush that they did not even consider that it might be a trap, and ran for it.

Papat!

Two level 4s get through at the head. The rest tried to go through as well, but Cha Jun Sung blocked them. He can try to do something about the remaining ones.

"I'll take one level 4. Don't overdo it and fight!"

Cha Jun Sung faced a level 4. He cannot hide his body modification in this circumstance. He can take care of this now and explain later.

-[Jun Sung, where are you?]

-[Corner!]

-[I'm going.]

Park Jin Hyuk is reattaching his arm. Even if it is completely attached, he cannot use it right away, but he wants to help even if he needs to use his feet or teeth.

"Hit!"

The party members fight the hosts with the party heads' commands. Kyoko fell back with the rest of the support, and Koharu pulled out her twin daggers.

It is not a wide space so it was hard to concentrate the parties' strength, but the hosts could not find a space large enough for them to get through so their power was pretty much the same.

Woong!

As the power came back on the ark, the ceiling lights turned on one by one. They could also hear the sound of the engine being activated. Are they imagining that the ark is moving?

With the recovery of the main system, the ownership had gone into the Lieutenant's hands. Now, they need to handle the source. They will need to do their best!

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Hercules had the booster on, but lowered its speed as it approached the corner, drifted and accelerated. It is rushing to the engine room.

The map to get there is saved in its artificial intelligence hardware. He had left to get there upon Lim Si Hyun's command to get to the engine room in the shortest time possible.

It did not go below 60-70km/hour and destroyed any obstacles in front. Like this, it was able to go a distance in a short amount of time when it would have normally taken half a day.

-[Enemy appearance! Battle mode!]

Wiing!

Hercules changed the vibrating weapon to a buster as it was running. It is more effective to crush a parasite than to cut it.

The left hand is the buster and the right is a flame thrower. The flame thrower must be used carefully. If the engine room catches fire, the ark will be in danger.

The front is blocked by a large door. Heat seeps out of it, contrary to the freezing sleeping room. It can clearly sense something inside.

Bang!

Hercules turned the buster on the door as he approached it. Its body hit the place where a deep depression was made.

As soon as it destroyed the door, the infection pocket was inside as if it had been waiting for Hercules to come.

Just as cyborgs have sensors, mutants also have senses.

-[Kill the enemy!]

When Hercules tried to lift the buster, a thick tentacle swiped at its chest. Hercules went flying back at the tremendous impact.

Bang bang bang!

Being thrown out of the room was faster than the time it had taken to go in through the doors. Hercules rolled back like a can and stopped when it hit a wall.

The infection pocket comes out of the room. It likes warmth, but it had become too hot when the engine had been activated. It needs to find a new habitat.

Hercules gets up. The impact was like that of being hit by a Destroyer. It had fallen to a surprise attack, but it can just be careful from now on.

The buster fired in shots. There was a shockwave and the air flaps. The infection pocket's stretched flesh crumples like waves.

It has hundreds of tentacles. The thickness vary with thick ones and thin ones. The thick ones generally attacked while the thinner ones were used to move the body alone.

-[Calculating the attack pattern... Calculation complete. Tentacle-oriented monotonous attacks.]

-[Odds for battle 99.9%!]

The infection pocket's body is not suitable for battle. It was born for the purpose of breeding parasites, not to fight.

Hercules used florid movements like a boxer to avoid the tentacles. It has controlled its movements to the least.

The infection pocket produces infestors. It felt that it cannot win this way and is trying to infect Hercules, but it is of no use.

Hercules left the flame thrower on the jet function and sprayed the fire in a wide space. The fire power is low, but it is enough to burn insects to a crisp.

Wiing!

The buster changed into a fist and drove a nuclear punch into the infection pocket. It has enough power to go through steel. It ripped mercilessly through the flesh.

While embedded in the infection pocket, the fist became the buster again. If it cannot provide shock from the outside, it is using the judgment to dig inside.

Shots? Rather than a few shots here and there, it is time to make it throw up blood with one good hit. It is the quick fix for ones with vitality.

Kung!

Kyak!

The infection pocket's body expanded like a balloon and came back down. The shockwave had forced it to expand. If that much had happened to the skin, there is no need for words with the guts.

Bang bang!

Tentacles are thumping all over Hercules' body. The metal armor looks like scrap metal, but it was not able to create much impact on the body itself.

Its vitality is as long as its body is large. It only screamed with a few shots, and did not show signs of dying. If that is the case, Hercules can fire dozens of shots.

Kyak!

The infection pocket's roar of pain became a soundwave and spread far. It had been making the sounds already, but it was different this time.

It holds its fear that it really might die like this and its wishes for its children to hurry up and return.



Lim Si Hyun's group had been moving endlessly when they stopped at a faint sound. It is the sound of Hercules fighting with the infection pocket.

If they want to provide Hercules with an unimpeded environment for battle, they need to find a good place to wait for the infection hosts. The amount that they can take on

is 2.

There would have been a lot of damage if they had not known that they were coming, but they can reduce that damage because they know where the hosts will be coming from. They could even get rid of any damages all together.

“The party will set up a booby trap. There’s no time. Finish it up within 5 minutes.”

Papat!

Lim Si Hyuk set up in a spot approximately 300 meters from the engine room. The hosts’ route overlapped with theirs. If they wait, the hosts will pass by.

Claymores are a basic and they also had grenades and fever shots. One of the parties consumed a fair amount of the bombs in setting up just one booby trap.

“Um. If all of these go off, an entire part of the ark will be destroyed.”

A commander of the ark soldiers swallowed a moan. He knows that parasites are dangerous, but this is excessive preparation to catch 2 of them.

“Even the best need to be alive to do anything. There’s no use if we’re dead.”

Once the parasites are taken care of, the ark can be repaired at any time with the enormous amount of materials on the ark. There is enough to construct a small town.

In a situation where they might die, they cannot neglect their preparations against the enemy just because a part of the ark might be destroyed. With everything, they need to be alive to act.

Crash!

Something breaking? Cracking? The sound generated from inside is getting closer. Following that, the unpleasant sound of the infection hosts’ breathing also grew louder.

“Aim!”

The party members line up. The Lieutenant also held up an SMG as a soldier.

Flame throwers are effective against parasites, but the distance is short. If they want to cause damage from afar, a gun is best.

The infection hosts that are close to 4m tall, are the essence of fear.

The party members were scared, but the Lieutenant who had experienced the nightmare 4 years ago was worse. It would not be a trauma if it were easily forgotten.

“Fire!”

Pew pew pew pew!

More than 40 guns fire bullets. Regardless of penetration, the force that pushed them back was impressive. If they had been humans, they would have become sludge.

Kyak!

The infection hosts cover their faces and rush in. The bullets do embed, but it is not to the point where they cannot see. No matter how much they fired, they only left minor wounds.

“Set it off!”

Bang bang bang bang!

The party members got down on the ground. It is a narrow, open area, so they do not have enough cover. That is why they had set up the booby trap in a place a bit higher up.

The radius of a fever shot's heat is set to 15m, but they always need to be careful because fragments from grenades and Claymores can go dozens of meters.

As long as they do not get hit from too close, the metal armor would protect them.

Kyak!

Even if they are level 4s, the damage must have been pretty severe since the bombs were fired in a small area. They were covered by fire and smoke, but it felt like they had suffered a lot of damages.

“Throw concussive shell from the head.”

Bang!

As the concussive shell went off, the fire and smoke cleared. One of the level 4s is on the ground. The other one... on the ceiling.

Too!

The infection host on the ceiling spits out infestors. Lim Si Hyuk took the automatic pistol and revolver from either side of his hips and aimed at the infestor.

Lim Si Hyuk takes position. He is Ghost Gun, who keeps the enemy in check with the automatic pistol's rate of firing while using a big hit from the revolver to kill the enemy.

Kwajik!

The host fell to the ground and started mutating. The infestor that came out of its brain grew to almost 1m and vomited hundreds of infestors.

“Party 1 and 2, infestors! Party 3 and 4, we're taking on the host!”

The party split. There is no reason to overdo it. If they just hold out until Hercules kills the infection pocket, these guys are also dead.

Chapter 100

-[Captain approval. Passage reset. Destination: Tonga. Operating the engine.]

Han Chang Jin did not understand what the main system was saying at first.

It was not because he did not know the meaning. He had unintentionally skipped that the engine had been activated to reset the passage at this point and to anchor in Tonga.

These things happen. When something random occurs, people go completely blank. This was that kind of situation.

They had tried to convince the Lieutenant multiple times over time, but nothing had worked. The Lieutenant only talked about the war.

“You crazy asshole! You changed the passage! What? Tonga? That’s the infected city!”

A Navy officer is appalled and grabs the Lieutenant’s collar. The ark is going to anchor on an island that could be level C or even B?

“I’ll say it again. Support the battle in the 3 regions.”

The party members including the Navy Lifer followed Han Chang Jin’s order, watching the CCTV over Cha Jun Sung’s, Lim Si Hyun’s, and Hercules’ fights.

The battle between humans and parasites was even, while Hercules had the upper hand. It would be over soon.

“Stop the ark.”

“To think that this is the extent of the Korean Special Forces! If we combine your power with that of the ark, we can kill all of the parasites!”

Before this, he had been hanging on to his sanity but now he had gone completely crazy. The Lieutenant completely ignored Han Chang Jin.

-[Engine start up 100% complete. It will take 30 minutes to arrive at destination,

Tonga.]

The speed is on the slow side. It was stationary for 4 years, so it is going slowly to prevent any defects. The important thing is that they are moving.

“Hercules has removed the source. The battles in the other 2 areas look like they’re going to end soon. General! We need to go back before a special mission is activated!”

If a special mission is activated, they will need to quit instead of just going back. It takes 1000 points to quit a level D. With a level C, it would probably take more than 10,000.

They can run away even if they anchor at the city, but they will prevent it if they can. They need to convince the Lieutenant in any way that they can and stop the ark.

“Our mission is to restore the ark. A conquest of the city is still too much.”

“I’m the captain of this ark! Follow my orders and occupy Tonga!”

The Lieutenant would not listen. Han Chang Jin felt murderous for a second but made a great effort to push it back. After all, he is also a victim of the parasites.

He cannot pressure a patient as a soldier.

“General! The fighting has ended. There are a lot of deaths and injuries!”

-[You have earned 20,000 points.]

-[Congratulations. You have cleared level D advance mission Dead Ark. Level C missions, store, and achievement system have been opened.]

The mission was completed when the source died, but the force’s fighting ended after more time because the infected hosts were still alive.

-[Whew! You all worked hard.]

-[That was tiring.]

The force members talked over the radio. From their standpoints, there was no rush. They can bring everything to a clean end and then go back.

Han Chang Jin was in a rush though. So were the party members at headquarters.

-[This is Han Chang Jin. Listen to me and return to reality right away!]

-[Return?]

-[What do you mean return?]

-[The Lieutenant manipulated the main system to reset the passage. The destination is Tonga! If we stay still, the ark is going to anchor at the infected city!]

-[What!]

-[What are we going to do about the survivors?]

-[If that's true, we shouldn't be worrying about the survivors. We'll have to quit the mission if we anchor there, and that'll cost a ton of points.]

One of the force members spoke with common sense, but that is not the point.

What if there is a variation and they cannot return? They would need to complete the mission or find a solution, but both are impossible for level C.

-[Hurry!]

-[Seven Stars, return. I'll see everyone back in reality.]

Lim Si Hyun represented Seven Stars. They will not be able to reverse it if they hesitate.

-[The ark is anchoring at the infected city. There is a new mission because Dead Ark has been completed! The reward points has gone up to 1.8 million.]

What? 1.8 million? This means that the mutants residing in the infected city are level 6. They can never win. There is not even a 1 in 1 million chance that they can.

-[Huh? I can't quit!]

-[Me neither!]

-[What are achievement points? They're saying we can't quit because we don't have enough of these.]

Cha Jun Sung's party realized over the radio that they need something other than the normal points in order to return. The worst scenario has happened.



The atmosphere in the headquarters is heavy. Soldiers who had completed the mission were sitting on chairs everywhere with their heads on the desks.

The people related to Seven Stars and the government did not discuss their situation, but rather spent some time to themselves.

They need to draw their luck, but they could not figure out what to do.

The automatic doors opened and Cha Jun Sung entered with 2 parties of Lifers. Anyone can come and go as they please because it has been left open.

"We moved survivors to the rooms. We also took care of the dead."

As the situation was taken care of, the ark had found its peace again. They reassigned rooms for the survivors because the fighting had been done near the bunker.

The headquarters is where ark officials normally stayed, but it was meaningless to maintain those rules when everyone was dead.

"What about the Lieutenant?"

"We quarantined him through the Colonel who escorted us."

They locked him in a small room temporarily. Soldiers are guarding him from outside.

They also resented what the Lieutenant had done. They thought that had been released from the hell, but they would be going back in because of this crazy superior.

"So that's the infected city."

"Yes."

Cha Jun Sung is watching the CCTV. It has an external view of the ark.

A beautiful beach and wide sandy stretches. Beyond that, the faint image of a giant city. It seems to be extremely far away.

It is better the farther away it is. It means that is how far they are from the parasites.

The ark's sensors are on, so there will be a warning signal if a parasite is detected within 500m. Therefore, they are safe for now.

Cha Jun Sung looks around. There are 68 Lifers in the headquarters.

32 is the mission's final death toll. The injured were treated by medics, so they are okay for movement even if fighting is too much.

"I think everyone is here. Whew! Let's check the mission description."

When Lim Si Hyun spoke, the force members turned their PDAs on. They already checked, but it felt new every time they saw the large amount of information. And it is to a bad side.

-[Mission C: Terrain of Infection Trees] [Goal: Annihilation]

-[Description: 4 years ago, the seed that leaked into Tonga is a mixed-blood of the 16th nightmare, albeit light. Fate has been decided since they settled on this slope surrounded by the sea. Though it is the optimal environment to create an infected city, there are disadvantages. The parasites had not had much competition before, but it had become saturated through rapid propagation. The mixed blood know that they cannot cross the sea, and became trees on their own to infect the nature. Lifers, bring down the infection tree rooted in the middle of Tonga, annihilate the parasites, and purify the terrain.] [Reward: 1.8 million points. Lucky box.]

Cha Jun Sung and Koharu, Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin exchanged looks.

More interesting material than the Terrain of Infection Trees is being discussed. It is 'a mixed-blood of the 16th nightmare, albeit light'.

It means that the boss of this place is a descendant, no matter how distant.

"Is it level 6?"

“Surely it won’t have the exact characteristics?”

“They’ll be similar to an extent. Even though it’s a hybrid, if it really is the parent!”

If it is one of the 16th nightmares, it is a generator or parent of parasites. Parasite. King New Black. They are level 8 like Medusa and the Vampire Lord.

If the mutants they had met until now were those that had failed in evolving, the infection tree is a mixed blood born from a powerful matrix.

It must have been born from copulation with a weak mutant. If it had copulated with something of the same level, it would have been level 7 like in the virtual version.

They must not look at it lightly. This type of mutant is stronger than a level 6. That must be why the reward points have been set to 1.8 million.

It could be that starting from level C, they could be getting rid of seeds that can become great dangers instead of killing the small fish.

“As you can see, there is little chance for completion. Quitting is the only answer.”

“Master, what are achievement points? The current mission isn’t blocked. As long as we have these achievement points, we can quit right away.”

The force acted freely because there is no attack from parasites. No matter how much they repeatedly pressed the quit button, they just kept getting the response that they do not have enough achievement points to do so.

‘Normal 10,000, achievement 5000.’

Beep.

Cha Jun Sung tried pulling up the quit list. It shows the points necessary. It is a large number, but he and Park Jin Hyuk would be able to handle it.

Excluding them, no one in the force has even a single achievement point.

He would have left the mission if they were Lifers that he did not know, but these are not Lifers that he can throw away easily. Even if he does abandon them, what about Koharu and Kyoko?

He will reconsider quitting for now. The key is achievement points. Since everyone has opened level C, they can gain a certain amount by killing mutants.

Killing mutants? Will they have to go to the city to kill the mutants? They will be killed before they can kill.

‘I’ll have to tell them.’

If he reveals his secret now, there would be no surprise. Blindly hiding it does not help either. He needs to tell them what they need to do in order to survive.

Chapter 101

“Achievement points... They aren’t in levels D and E but it is a new system starting with level C where they can be earned along with normal points when killing mutants.”

Everyone looked at Cha Jun Sung. They look as if they are asking, ‘How do you know that?’. Park Jin Hyuk’s group trusted him and stayed quiet.

“I completed the advance before I entered the Dead Ark.”

Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin goggled. An advance mission between the two of them? The force members start chatting. Cha Jun Sung silenced them.

“I’ll ask the people who saw Park Jin Hyuk and me fighting. Is that movement possible with the 2nd stage of body modifications?”

“He’s right. He took on a level 4 one-on-one.”

“It’s the same for him too. Does it make sense that he took on 5 level 3s by himself?”

As the force members’ question was resolved, the puzzle pieces came together.

“I was able to fight a level 4 by myself because I have gone through the 4th stage. I’ll give you a brief explanation to help explain.”

He told them what happened in Slayer’s Prison. He excluded the information that if special missions overlap, helpers intervene.

He will tell them later if it is necessary. He does not have to list everything out for them for no reason. The force members listened to everything and nodded in understanding.

Sometimes, luck is a competence. In that sense, Cha Jun Sung is bound for success.

“As you all said, completion is impossible with this personnel and our gear. Our work is to earn achievement points.”

“Question. So you and that young man would be able to return to reality, right?”

“Yes.”

“It’s scary to even go out, but to gather achievement points? What if quitting gets blocked?”

He is right. The force members were scared to go out. A level 4 or 5 could appear. Low level and high level hunting are distinctly different.

This is level C. It is not a place that even Cha Jun Sung’s party would be able to take on easily. It would not be such a desperate situation if he had the battle shoot.

“If we can’t do it with the force’s strength, can’t we borrow power from the ark?”

“I’ll tell you about that after discussing with the future colonel. Of the surviving senior figures, there aren’t many who are completely sane.”

Lim Si Hyun answered the question. There is the 7th Lieutenant, but he is in a complete blank state. He stares blankly all day. Thinking back, being crazy was better.

Cha Jun Sung continued speaking and the force members asked what they were wondering about.

He told them what he knew to the best of his ability. From now on, they are not strangers. They are colleagues with the common goal of surviving.



There were only 7 in positions as field officers who were in commanding levels of the ark. 2 of them are lieutenants.

The lieutenant colonel who escorted Lim Si Hyun was of the highest rank.

He must be pretty well recognized as well because the soldiers and survivors followed his lead well. He would gain the captain title if something happens to the lieutenants.

“There’s a nucleus to the ark?”

“There is but in the circumstances, it is difficult to use when it is under us. While the

nucleus stopped producing, 3 100MT level ones were brought on.”

Only Han Chang Jin’s jaw dropped at this information. Cha Jun Sung and Lim Si Hyuk do not know what it means but if they set off a 100MT in Tonga, an entire neighborhood will be swept away.

The ark, anchored on the waterfront, would also be destroyed.

“Do you have fire bombs as well?”

“Of course. There is enough power on the ark to arm a legion class troop. Far below, there are even tanks, jets, and armored cars.”

“What if we fly the jet or launch fire bombs from the ark?”

People laid out several ideas. However, extreme behavior like this brings in war. How many mutants will appear in a level C mission?

It is 1.8 million. 100,000 is the minimum and it could be far beyond that.

People who know how to use weapons need to use them. This is not an exception for soldiers. There are a lot of things to kill, but there is a limited number of people who know how to handle the weapons.

In addition, if they drag something out that makes a lot of noise, they will be letting the parasites know that they are there.

“Whew! It would be a good means to turn the ark around and head away from Tonga.”

“Would you be able to do it with your authority as a colonel?”

“If it is locked by the captain and lieutenant, not even I can do anything about it.”

3rd Lieutenant Andre Gordon. Even when he was sane, he was a selfish egoist. He only bowed his head under the blame, and he was not recognized at all.

When they brought the survivors to sleeping rooms 1 through 8 after being occupied by parasites, he had unashamedly taken sleeping room 1 because it was the safest.

He is someone who would do worse than running away, but he must have failed to do

so because he had remained on the ark.

He wanted to become captain even though he had gone crazy because the ambition and authoritarian ideology embedded in him had not disappeared.

He must become the captain if he wants to make sure that others cannot rebel. Though lacking, it is possible to change the ark's route with a lieutenant's authority.

If that is the case, is it necessary to go through all of the trouble in this situation?

"It's because the 7th Lieutenant is still alive. He might be a blank slate because of the big shock he's experienced, but he was gentle, unlike a soldier."

If the Lieutenant changes the route, the 7th Lieutenant can cancel it. He had used his head even if he had gone crazy. He had even calculated what could happen later.

"Is it a strife over the position?"

Han Chang Jin is a soldier, so he could understand most of what the colonel was saying. Not just superficially, but intrinsically. In the current circumstances, changing the route is impossible.

The mission goal is annihilation. If they use the weapons on the ark, they need to be prepared to go all the way. The parasites would stupidly fall for it a few times.

Then, they would see blood and go digging around to understand their enemy's path of attack. They will be unable to do anything if the ark is discovered.

"How constricted."

Park Jin Hyuk had been leaning against a wall listening when he started hitting the back of his head on the wall.

It was holding them back that the ark would be anchored on the waterfront. If they were floating on the ocean, they could fly bombs at Tonga and send it off completely.

"If the 2 lieutenants die, is that power handed down to you, Colonel?"

"It's not as simple as it sounds."

The lieutenant is just one of dozens of field grade officers who receive captain agency whenever a captain is absent.

Authority is limited. On top of that, there is a lot that they do not know regarding the ark's functions so the process of succession is extremely complicated.

"It'd be possible to pass over the 3rd Lieutenant, but that's not the case with the 7th Lieutenant."

The other option is to fight but reduce the use of weapons on the ark, focusing on gathering achievement points. They do not want to even think about what could come next, but it is an all out war.

"Tell the force members what we discussed here and let's go meet with the Lieutenant. And what do you know? He might have calmed down a bit."

It did not seem he would have, but they could not help but have expectations.

Chapter 102

Cha Jun Sung was far from the type of person who was able to convince others. Thus, he left the Lieutenant to Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin. The result was a failure.

Even in a crazy state, he could calculate the pros and cons. He blocked all questions on the ark's route in advance.

The 7th Lieutenant didn't show any signs of improving either. What they knew was that it was a mental illness. They couldn't cure him with medical equipment as it was not a disease or injury.

They worked for 3 weeks to find a solution, but they were just walking in circles.

In that time, they sent a few unmanned surveillance vehicles. They wanted to see how the city looked. It floated from a high position to send the terrain to the ark.

It was devastated because it was underdeveloped and neglected. The number of infected hosts was low as well. They also could not see the infected tree. It must have been hiding somewhere.

The force members worried every day of parasite attacks but fortunately, the ark was peaceful during that time.

As time passed, the time to choose between gathering achievement points and war came closer. They could not sit there and do nothing indefinitely.

After anchoring in Tonga, 1 month went by. Is it said that there was no such thing as chance in the world? It happened suddenly, without prior notice.



A bizarre looking mutant was barely visible in the sea.

From the shadow set by the sunlight alone, its flat shape seemed similar to that of a stingray but its size was greater than multiple large whales.

It was known as invincible in the ocean, a level 7 ocean mutant – Vergon.

“Let’s go faster. If we want to warm up before meeting it, we’ll barely make it.”

Kung!

Pang!

The Vergon increased its speed. That was what the owner wanted. The water sprayed as the sound barrier was broken and there was a shockwave – a sonic boom.

If someone had seen this, they would not have realized what had just gone by. The speed itself exceeded the range of living beings.

The more interesting thing was the man who didn’t stray from the center of the Vergon. The friction in the atmosphere from the speed of sound could bend iron.

The man looked as though he was just getting some fresh air and gazed at the island that showed faintly. It was Tonga, a place he had never heard of.

“It is at a cost, but to think of doing a human a favor.”

One day, a human who looked exactly like his father appeared.

The human spoke to the man. If the man listened to his request, the human would teach him the location of where a very strong mutant lived.

The man’s body part changed and spat out a thick notepad. The human said that all he needed to do was deliver this to another human.

The mutant was told that the human he needed to deliver the notepad to was on the island.

Everything said was unfounded but he had gotten involved because of his father who he sincerely admired. His father accepted the human.

His father had not even shown him his attack power, but showed consensus with the human. He was jealous of this new image of his father but he had not shown it.

“If we fought, could I win?”

The man thought for a moment and then shook his head. Though it may hurt his pride, he couldn't fool himself. He might be able to wound him, but he would not be able to win.

He was a human who was not a human. Could he be described as a mutant wearing the mask of a human?

'Go and come back.'

He remembered what his father said to him when he was leaving. He did not lose the feeling that he wanted there to be something more behind the indifferent face.

"I guess I'll know once I meet the owner of the notepad... We've arrived."

The man's eyes widened. It was an eerie feeling. It was so red that it looked like rubies were put in. Looking closely, he had a pair of red horns on his forehead.

Vergon slowed down. It left its body to the waves and touched on shore.

The man got down from the Vergon's back. It had taken a few days to get here from the southern end of Asia. He had been bored seeing only blue for all of that time.

"Hang out nearby."

Kung!

The Vergon dived deep into the ocean. It was not common in the sea. It didn't have any natural enemies in the sea, so there was no need to worry.

"Mother of parasites. Parasite King? Because it's a parasite?"

The man headed straight for the city. The human said that the Parasite King's habitat was New Zealand, but it came to Tonga occasionally.

It came to eat the infection tree's fruits once every few months.

From the man's standpoint, the fruits were not important. There were 2 things he needs to do. Fight with the Parasite King and deliver the notepad.

Kiik!

As he passed the waterfront and came closer to the city, the man could sense the uncomfortable sounds made by what he guessed were cross breeds of parasites.

“Come out, Parasite King.”

A murderous lust blew out from the man’s body and he simultaneously disappeared. He intended to bother the servants until the owner of the house came out.



The Parasite King, configured of a clear liquid, was eating the infection when it reacted to the murderous lust he could feel from nearby.

“What a bother.”

Gate crashers were increasing. Not too long ago, a stationary ship started moving and this time, someone was making a mess nearby.

It left the ship alone because it did not show much movement. But this situation was different. Something of a similar class had invaded its area.

This was an island. It was not a place where a mutant can come unless it had come here on purpose. They would need to meet.

Kiik.

The infection tree is smaller than most trees, and it was trembling with the sense of the murderous lust. It was scared because it instinctively knew that it was not a match for it.

The size was such that when excluding the fruits, it couldn’t be distinguished from normal trees with the naked eye. It would not be detected by the UAVs.

“It’s okay.”

The Parasite King pated the infection tree and picked off another fruit. Hundreds of parasites were swarming inside the pulp.

Unlike a mixed breed, it was very useful. It could be left for a while to eat.

Kung!

The gate crusher roared. It was thrilling. It was a snicker, full of confidence.

Parasite King spewed energy. It was a governing king. It would not go to look for the intruder itself. It was a given that the one with something to say would come.

The opponent tracked the atmosphere. It was coming closer. Why had it come all the way to Tonga? It was resentful but also curious.



The red eyes looked over the Parasite King. It was observing before fighting.

“Are you the king of parasites?”

“Who are you?”

“You have learned the human language... as is fitting for the king of parasites who lives off of others.”

“Who are you?”

“I’m Asia’s Red Eye.”

The man glared with his blood red eyes. The concentration thickens.

Parasite King felt a strong sense of core from the man. It was pure. There was a desire to fight without any ambition.

“Did you come this far to Tonga just to fight with me?”

“30 points.”

“30 points?”

“Fighting with you is to fulfill my desire, but I need to block you to reduce harm for him and to deliver the notepad.”

Parasite King couldn’t understand what Red Eye was saying. He was not explaining

anything and only discussing things vaguely, so it was a definite that he would not understand.

“I won’t kill you. I just need to confirm that I’m stronger than you.”

“You’re arrogant.”

Only Red Eye’s father could dominate him. He had taken over all mutants. That is how he proved his bloodline.

There was no need to talk more. The Parasite King and Red Eye clashed violently. At the same time, Cha Jun Sung’s group was also watching the fight from afar.

Chapter 103

-[Variable generated, satellite program operated. Estimated 3 hours until confirmation.]

It is not Hercules' hard whirring. It is a notice from the 68 Lifers' PDAs.

Bang bang!

Cha Jun Sung's hearing rings. It was not just him but also for the force members in the area. They all looked to one place.

There is a smoky dust rising from what is guessed to be Tonga's downtown area. There is no smoke or flames. It does not seem to be an explosion from gunpowder.

They are far from the city, so they cannot see it even with binoculars.

They would be able to know if they send a UAV from the ark, but the force members did not get involved thoughtlessly. The helpers moved before them.

They cannot have a conversation, but they went into censorship to see if what is happening in the city will or will not have an influence on the mission.

They said something about the satellites and told them to wait 3 hours, so they were planning on doing so.

"Do you think they could be other Lifers?"

"Of course not. Missions can overlap, but entry is suicide."

Park Jin Hyuk is standing next to him. Cha Jun Sung responds in the negative. A level C mission is of a difficulty that level D Lifers cannot complete.

Unless the limitation to the number of people who can enter is loosened and thousands of people enter, they will have to have gone through at least the 3rd and 4th stages of body modifications in order to proceed with only 100 people.

'It doesn't make sense.'

Cha Jun Sung is not arrogant. He does not think that the rest of the world has become stagnant or culled just because he opened up level C missions first.

Even here, there are 66 other Lifers who have opened level C. Looking at the entire world, that number would increase exponentially.

However, there isn't a group where all 100 people can have that power. This is the same for a world federation that has just been formed and is trying to spread its wings.

'Even if we say that they are Lifers... We can't exclude gunpowder.'

Humans are creatures full of curiosity. This is the same for Cha Jun Sung. If he had 2 lies, he would have gone to watch what was going on.

-[Variable confirmation complete. Fight between high level mutants. Video transmission through PDA.]

Woong!

The hologram turned on and what was happening in the middle of the city appeared. They can see 2 mutants among ruins that keep crashing into each other.

One is transparent without certain form and the other has a pair of horns, red eyes, and can change both of its arms into any shape it wants.

They clear anything that comes in the way of their fighting, even if that is a building. They moved around as they fought, and even parasites were affected by them.

Cha Jun Sung gulped and watched. The city is becoming devastated.

He is not sure, but it looks like the combat radius will surpass kilometers. Every time there is a deafening sound, a shock that goes over everything comes in under their skin.

They could be level 7 or 8. There is no special mission even though monsters that are more dangerous than a level C mission have appeared. Is it because they are far?

-[It is a battle between the Parasite King and Red Eye of the 36 nightmares. Pending rating variance. Restrict Lifers' mission progress until it is resolved.]

“What – what? If it’s Red Eye, it’s the son of warlock Aduroque!”

“The translucent jelly is Parasite King?”

“Why have monsters like that come out all of a sudden? This is joke, right?”

The force members kept asking questions, but they still have doubts. They will be left with the curiosity until the helpers resolve it for them.

They cannot figure out the intent, so they did not reject the restricted mission progression. Even if it had not been restricted, they did not have any desire to get involved.



-[Those 2 are battling in Tonga... What’s going on?]

Odin is taken aback. There is the slightest possibility with Parasite King. He is the absolute ruler of tropical islands including Tonga.

They cannot track each mutants’ location, so it is not strange when there is a variable. Mission levels are not static, but fluid.

Red Eye however, is a level 8 mutant who should be in Asia. His being here is not just strange but impossible.

The more absurd thing is that the 2 are fighting. It makes sense for Parasite King because its territory has been trespassed on, but Red Eye is being excessive.

He has nothing to gain from this, so it does not make sense that he is putting his body into it.

-[Special cyborg – no. It’d be better to release the condition with achievement points.]

Honestly, a cyborg is just a nominal presence to a level 7 or 8 mutant. Up to level 6 is a machine’s limit. Going over that is a wall that they cannot get past.

It is an attack that even destroys buildings. Anything that comes within diameter is mercilessly ruined.

Zing!

68 Lifers' helpers read the information transmitted by satellite and found out the purpose for Red Eye's emergence, but it did not matter.

The Lifers needed to have made a decision on the mission within a controlled range. But it has become foggy with the level 8 mutants' battle.

-[It's slowly coming to an end. It doesn't seem like they're trying to kill each other, so let's just watch.]

They cannot adjust the mission level as they please. It is starting to cool off. There does not seem to be danger, so they can watch the lapse.



Bang!

Red Eye goes flying at short attacks like a whip. They finally stopped moving after destroying a couple buildings. Several hours have passed since they have been fighting.

Red Eye brushes his chest off. There are vivid scars. For it to leave scars on his body, it is as humans say, a strong mutant.

"You'll be stronger than that whore in South America, Evil Queen's youngest daughter."

He hates Evil Queen. When his father stabilized Asia and became the disaster, she came to demand his seed.

When he refused, she seduced him. It is crazy.

Thus, she received the seed of the South American bone monster and gave birth to four level 8s. She had opened her legs to create a force.

The youngest daughter is the youngest of the 4, but she has no manners because she is like her mother. Anyway, Parasite King is slightly stronger than her.

"Evil Queen?"

“You don’t know? I guess it makes sense that you don’t know since you’re buried in your islands.”

Red Eye is not wrong. Parasite King is satisfied with this life. It does not know about mutant affairs and does not care to know.

“I changed my mind. It’s a waste to leave you in a place like this. Come with me.”

“I don’t want to.”

“I’ll recognize you as an equal being and give you territory. I came because of that human, but I gave to gain something too.”

Movement in Europe these days is a bit suspicious. They show signs of wanting to unite with Africa and if that happens, it is hard even for his father to handle it.

He needs to recruit useful allies. That is why Evil Queen has united with the bone monster. Asia is in the lowest ranks in terms of power.

Father is indifferent to force and taking territory. He just somehow became the power in the area because there was nothing to oppose him.

“I’m not interested.”

“This world is the law of the jungle! If you refuse, I’m going to kill you now.”

Since he changed his mind, Parasite King is a potential enemy if it does not become an ally.

Woo woo woo!

Red Eye’s body became half his size larger, and he pressured Parasite King.

The eyes that look out at the world are red and the pair of horns hold up the sky. In contrast, the brown body squirms.

Red Eye resembles the devil. It is like a mutant that has achieved the highest level of evolution. There is a clear difference in his appearance from mutants of lower levels. He is complete.

Kyah!

Parasite King spits out infestors. 'There is a difference in intensity, but it is a mutant of the same class as Red Eye'.

Red Eye changed both of his arms into sharp knives, and hacked at Parasite King. It has created hundreds of millions of infestors.

Parasite King may seem immortal, but there is nothing it can do if every single infestor is dead. Red Eye could feel that every time the number of infestors decreased, Parasite King's strength was also reduced.

It is not as easy as it sounds. Even if Cha Jun Sung and Park Jin Hyuk used battle shoots and worked together, they would not even be able to graze Parasite King.

This is something that is possible only when they can go beyond their opponent's abilities.

"You split the main body into pieces. Each of those infestors is you."

If even 1 infestor lives, the Parasite King can stay alive. In terms of vitality, it is above Red Eye like a cockroach.

The battle seemed to be on even footing in the beginning but as they kept fighting, the win leaned toward Red Eye. Mutants are also living creatures, so they have the ability to learn.

He had fought the warlock whenever he had time, in order to hone his skills.

He also has abundant experience fighting with level class mutants. That is why Parasite King, who has lived contentedly, cannot win.

Parasite King's body becomes smaller. Red Eye thought that the pattern is fastidious. It is to the point where if Parasite King had a bit more experience, he would not be able to win.

Too!

"You're going to eat my body?"

A green infestor the size of a fist is cut in half. That small guy is a level 5. After that, there were repeated efforts to infect Red Eye.

If Parasite King encroaches on Red Eye, he will become a mutant comparable to a level 9. There is a way to bringing out the potential power in a living being.

“It’s the end.”

For a moment, Red Eye’s muscles inflated. A chance to attack has appeared. There was a wind pressure and in the blink of an eye, he swept by Parasite King.

The shockwave separated the air and made anything within a meters radius into powder.

At the time, a few yellow infestors dug at Red Eye’s skin.

“I’ll crush you.”

He flexed his muscles and an incredible pressure popped the infestors.

Red Eye consumed the dead infestors to make up for the energy he lost in battle. He does not need to eat them through his mouth. He is a mutant, not a human.

“Do you still need more reason to come with me? What if I say that I’ll give you the body of a strong mutant?”

Red Eye makes a deal. The same level is hard, but he can give Parasite King a body that is stronger than the one it has now. How will it come out? Will it reject the offer?

“What if I refuse?”

“I’m sure I told you earlier. I’ll kill you.”

Parasite King called the scattered infestors back. They were not even, so it called all of the infestors living on the island and absorbed them.

It is seriously wounded. The remaining strength it has is not even 20% of its normal strength. Red Eye is also wounded, but it is in a fairly healthy state. If Red Eye acts, Parasite King will die.

There is no living creature that wants to die unless it has given up on life.

“I’ll accept.”

“I’ll give you all of the Philippines in territory. I’ll move the mutants living there to a different place. I’ll give you time, so lead your subordinates and move there.”

“Forget it.”

Infestors are parasitic. If they have targets, they can get stronger. It is better to leave them where they are instead of moving them.

“You spare your words.”

Parasite King is reserved. Infestors can be sympathetic, but they cannot communicate. They have become like this from living alone for so long.

Like people, mutants have various personalities. Not all of them are sneaky and cruel. These will not cause trouble. Red Eye has gained a great ally.

“Is that a problem?”

“No problem. It was a compliment. Since I’ve warmed up, shall I go look for him? There’s somewhere I need to go. Wait here for a moment.”

Red Eye’s body disappeared. His destination is the west coast of the shore that the ark is anchored on. It will not take a long time. It will only take a few minutes for him to get there.

Chapter 104

-[Risk warning! Red Eye, tracking disabled! Special mission activation! Helper intervention! Achievement point restriction has been lifted and Lifers can return to reality!]

-[30 seconds until the 20 special cyborgs to buy time are summoned!]

They can hear alerts from the PDAs that it is dangerous. Like before, there is the notice that it will take 30 seconds for the cyborg to arrive and that they should quickly go back.

The ark's hatch is open, so the inside is wide open. If this kind of situation had not occurred, they were thinking of waging a war.

They had been hit from out of the blue while setting up firearms like fire bombs.

"Enemy confirmed!"

Hercules detected the approaching enemy and quickly changed into a booster. That action however, created a ridiculous result.

Red Eye extended his arm and brandished it. Hercules was hit and went flying 50m into a boulder. It was destroyed in one hit.

"So it's not a living creature."

Cyborgs do not exist in this world. He can feel something hard in his hand. This is approximately the defensive of level 4. It is trivial, but something he is unfamiliar with.

"Who am I supposed to give the notepad to out of all of these humans?"

Red Eye looks at the trembling force members. It looks like there are 60 to 70 people. He slowly tried to remember what the human had said to him.

'If you look over each person, you'll know who to give it to.'

Will the person have a unique characteristic? He cannot give up here anyway, so he followed the instructions exactly. His eyes wavered when he saw Cha Jun Sung.

His senses are different from those of humans, so he can take a picture of a scene and look it over. He does not need to look over something multiple times to find his target.

Woong!

All of the time is used up and the special cyborgs come out of the summons gate to surround Red Eye. In this time, the force members are going back to reality.

“There’s no time to waste.”

Within seconds, the 20 cyborgs are flung off in all directions. They are of a higher level than Hercules, so they do not lose their ability to function.

That is enough. The human had said that if they have time, they will disappear.

“You!”

Red Eye uses the wings on his back and flies at Cha Jun Sung. He tried to resist, but Red Eye wrapped him tightly with his fingers and quickly disappeared.

The force members left inside could not figure out what had happened.

Ring!

As soon as Cha Jun Sung disappeared, the description for a special mission came up. It is a playback.

-[Level A Mission: Red Eye’s cavalry] [Goal: Attainment]

-[Description: Red Eye is the highest class of the 36 nightmares. He has been injured in battle with Parasite King. Find the purpose of his deal, kill him, and bring the axis down.]

-[Reward: 150 million points. Lucky box.]

-[Level B Mission: Fallen king] [Goal: Attainment]

-[Description: Parasite King lost to Red Eye and has been wounded. It took the deal in order to save its life and will soon be moving. It is one of the 36 nightmares, and this is your chance to kill it.]

-[Reward: 30 million points. Lucky box.]

2 missions were produced and there are nesting special missions. The force members identified the substance of level A and B. They are horrible difficulties.

It is 180 million points in catching 2 mutants that are not in their best conditions.

How many points would it have been if it had been their homeground and they had been healthy? As the mission description says, this is their chance to kill them but the force members do not have the ability to do so.

“Jun Sung!”

“No!”

Kyoko holds Park Jin Hyuk back. Cha Jun Sung had been dragged away by a level 8. She understands that he wants to chase after them, but they do not even know where they have gone. They disappeared in the blink of an eye.

If they go in without preparation and are discovered by the parasites, they will not be able to make it out alive.

“Let go!”

Park Jin Hyuk is in a craze. Hercules has fallen and does not move at all.

-[It is okay.]

“Zephy?”

-[It does not seem like Red Eye is trying to kill Cha Jun Sung.]

Helpers can see what is happening in real time through the PDA. It looks like Red Eye wants to talk. They will be able to see in detail soon.

“How can I trust you?”

-[There is no way to prove it.]

By that time, most of the force members had gone back. They had been trapped for 1 month. They thought that if they missed the opportunity, they would die or be trapped forever.

When Park Jin Hyuk was about to say something, cadres including Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin walked toward him. They had stayed in place of sending the force back.

Too many things had happened to the force at one time. Unprecedented things irrelevant to the mission had jumped out at them and there was not a single thing that they could understand.

Now, there are not even 10 Lifers left inside. Lim Si Hyun went back to where the Lieutenant Colonel is, saying that he would explain to the survivors what is going on.

They feel bad for leaving the survivors behind, but they are not people from this world.



Red Eye changed the structure of his back to that of a bat and headed straight for a distant cliff. He held Cha Jun Sung in his left hand.

Cha Jun Sung felt the chilly wind and looked down. It is dizzying.

If he falls while next to the cliff, he can stop while falling but if Red Eye throws him far like a pebble, he will die.

Even with body modifications, humans do not become birds so they cannot fly.

Red Eye sets down on the peak. They are high enough that the large ark seems small, but it had taken 2 or 3 breaths to come up.

Cha Jun Sung was flung away and he rotated in the air to find balance. Red Eye watched this carefully.

‘Unbelievable.’

They do not simply look similar. They have different natures, but his father, the human, and this man – the 3 of them are carbon copies.

What could be the connection between these 3? Red Eye does not know the details of the situation either. Father and that human only told him to relay the notepad.

While he was locked in his thoughts, Cha Jun Sung pointed the Wolf Kill at him. Facing a level 8 nightmare. It really is a nightmare.

At this, Red Eye came back to his senses. All he has to do is do what he was asked to do.

“A stick? Is it a toy?”

“It’s a weapon to slash your throat with. Why have you brought me to a place like this?”

Red Eye looks at the Wolf Kill. He became curious before he could get to the point. Looking carefully, it is similar to what that human has.

He remembered the blow that had cut his arm off.

“Hit me.”

“What?”

“I’m telling you to hit me with this stick of a weapon that you have such confidence in.”

Red Eye motions across his neck with his finger. Cha Jun Sung watched.

Arrogance is poison. If by some chance he is able to kill Red Eye, he will be gain an overwhelming amount of points. The reward points alone are 150 million.

It is worth a try when he includes the basic points that come from level 8.

His thinking was short. Cha Jun Sung turned the vibrating weapon on and flew. He is

a stone's throw away. He will cut in one try. If he lacks the strength, he will hit multiple times.

The Wolf Kill had small vibrations and cut Red Eye's neck.

A hard repulsive force goes through Cha Jun Sung's hand as though hitting a bat against a wall. He lets go of the Wolf Kill. It feels like his hand is going to fall off.

"It's garbage."

It does not even leave a scratch. They only look the same and Cha Jun Sung does not have even 1% of the power. They have only wasted time. He will have to just do his job.

Red Eye turned off his main body and vigilant state, and went back to humanoid form. His muscles and skin took on the form of clothing and changed into a pleasant state.

High level mutants were like that in the virtual version, and they are the same in reality.

"Let your guard down. If I was going to kill you in the first place, I wouldn't have done something so bothersome. It would have been easy to kill everyone on the spot."

Cha Jun Sung thought that this is right. Red Eye is level 8. 20 special cyborgs had not been able to do anything to him.

"I'll be direct. Are you Cha Jun Sung? From a different world?"

"How – how did you know?"

"Level C mission Infection Tree. That's the name of the mission here, right? I knew you would be coming. If you hadn't come, most of those people would have died."

Red Eye, a mutant, knows what Life Mission is. Cha Jun Sung was curious as to why he was brought here. What secret did he have to tell him?

"I'll only tell you what I know."

Red Eye opened his mouth. Anchoring the ark at the infected city was a decided procedure and it was said that Cha Jun Sung and the force members would eventually

go into a mission.

The variable however, is that Parasite King was in Tonga. The normal scenario of this battle is that only a few Lifers survive.

Therefore, it means that Red Eye already knew that Cha Jun Sung would be coming here to Tonga. A mutant had prevented a Lifer's tragedy?

Red Eye took the notepad from his body and threw it to Cha Jun Sung.

"I don't know the details either. I just got a request from someone."

"This...?"

"What you want to know is written in there, though I'm sure it's not everything."

Cha Jun Sung opened to the first page of the notepad while watching Red Eye. It is quite clean, but it is visibly old.

The weird thing is that the handwriting is strangely familiar.

He flipped it without much thought. But he could not do so with the content. How could this be. What does this all mean? Is what Red Eye is saying true?

"I'm sure you have a lot of questions. If you want to know that, you'll have to hone your skills and go to father. He knows much more than I do."

Red Eye's father. If they follow Life Mission's story, does that mean that Aduroque, the warlock of the 6 disasters is behind this?

The world is becoming tangled in a complicated manner. Where is this place and where is the earth? What about the mutants? The helpers? This notepad? There is only what he does not know.

"What on earth are you guys?"

"That's what I want to ask. Lifer? What right do you have to hunt us? I'm sure you'll come to me one day. I'll be waiting."

Mere humans are coming at him with their teeth bared. He will annihilate them as

they come.

‘Level A...’

At the moment, it is a difficulty that they cannot approach. How many years need to go by?

If they want to get to level A missions, they need to get through B and C. The obstacles in each level are a way to advance. There are 2 left. The future looks bleak.

“I’ll give you a gift, from me. Think of it as an honor, you lowly human.”

“A gift?”

“Parasite King absorbed all of the infestors living in Tonga in order to heal its wounds. At this time, there won’t be any left.”

Red Eye left those words and spread his wings to go to the city center. Since there are not many left, Cha Jun Sung can do as he pleases whether he takes care of them or runs away.

Cha Jun Sung put the notepad in his space compression bag. He will have to go back and look at it.

“...Let’s go down.”

A cliff was waiting for Cha Jun Sung.

Chapter 105

It happened once a good amount of time passed after Cha Jun Sung returned to reality.

Over 1 month, Parasite King gathered all parasite kin in New Zealand together, and migrated to Asia and Red Eye. Migrating was not difficult.

There are thousands of abandoned boats on a perished island. None of them are in use, but it was easy to operate them because they were not damaged.

Warlock gladly welcomed the new members to his family, but Parasite King felt like it had been stripped of its soul the second it laid eyes on him.

Even with the knowledge it gained while absorbing humans, it could not think of the words with which to express Warlock's presence. Warlock is a true supernatural being.

If Warlock is like that before awakening, he will be a monster capable of overturning the heavens once awake. It is difficult to believe that there are 5 other mutants like him.

On top of that, Parasite King heard that there are dozens of mutants on its own level on 6 continents. As Red Eye said, Parasite King must have been trapped on a small island.

Red Eye gave the Philippines to Parasite King as promised. He has the authority to do that much. Warlock does not have interest in land.

The Philippines will be noisy until the parasites completely settle in, but it is the law of the jungle. It is a given that the weak are taken over and eaten.

That is that and since he has taken care of the favor, Red Eye must tell Warlock what happened.



“Is that so.”

“He was so weak that I couldn’t tell why you and that human are so worried about him. A weak human – he couldn’t even match up to the guards in our territory.”

Warlock laughed bitterly as he listened to his son’s report full of thorns.

A weak human. If he had not been infected with the virus and had not succeeded in evolving, he would have been an existence worthy of that same expression.

“Did he look like me?”

“Yes. It’s just that he looked more like the human form of you than you as a mutant.”

Red Eye looked at the human leaning against the wall. They are similar, but the human resembles the man more in nature.

The difference in species. No matter the rhetoric, there is a difference in the essence between species.

“You can go now.”

“Yes.”

Red Eye bowed and went outside. He could not understand his father whenever he came here. It is a small house.

He is left wondering because his father will not tell him why he sticks to this house.

“Is it done?”

“Yeah.”

A human wearing a strange machine armor spoke,

“I still can’t believe you.”

“Is the proof I showed you not enough? I think I showed you plenty.”

"I can believe that you, him, and I are the same. I can't believe this all happened because of that and that we were all acting under someone else's hands."

"Is it pride?"

"I'll just say that it is. But you, how is that you came here? If it is as you say, doesn't your existence distort the balance?"

To Warlock, the human in front of him is an alien existence. He just believes that they are the same from the strength and evidence that he showed him.

"As someone who has gone almost to the end of Life Mission, I can only curse."

"For example?"

"Shall I say it goes around and around? It's even questionable whether there is an end. Living for hundreds of years, the only thing I gained is strength."

Everyone left his side. He does not have any colleagues or friends.

Starting with level B, it really is a living hell. Of course levels A and B would be easy in his current state, but everything is relative.

"Are you saying that you'll change his future?"

"My future has already been decided to be in the gutters. I can't reverse it. I'm sure he won't change either, but I'd like to give him a good environment."

If he could, he would like to make Cha Jun Sung give up Life Mission. But it has been a long time since Lifers have become slaves. Him in that time and him in that place.

He cannot quit it. It is a drug. If they just fight mutants, they can get what they want. He is someone from a distinctly different world, so he needs to keep his distance.

"So what is it you want to tell him by giving him that paper?"

"To protect."

"Protect?"

“If he can’t quit, to protect himself and his friends instead of regretting it later like I did. That’s what I want to tell him.”

“It would have been easier to tell him yourself.”

That is true. If he had told him himself instead of sending Red Eye, his message would have been delivered clearly. They would also have been able to form a consensus.

“I can’t do that. If I get too involved, it’s not good for either of us.”

“I can’t understand.”

“Why? I’m you and you’re me. You really don’t know why I’m doing this?”

Warlock interprets the man’s words. If it had been him, what would he have done?

“Do you want him to do it himself?”

“Similar.”

“Alright.”

“Anyway, this house. It’s been a while.”

“Don’t you have one too?”

What good is it if he has one? He cannot go back. He had gone against his helper and countered time and space. He cannot stay anywhere because time has been tangled into a mess.

There are a lot of unfamiliar words to Warlock. But he kept note of each one in his head. Even if they are in pieces, they might come into use someday.

“Since you’ve gotten the notepad to him, what’s the next plan?”

“I had several colleagues. If Red Eye had not gone to infection tree this time around, Koharu and Kyoko would have died.”

He cannot express in words the loss he felt at the time. It was really horrible.

"I met Lifers I worked well with after that, but they died in levels B and A as well. Jun Hyuk, the first person I met and who made it to the end -"

Cha Jun Sung's eyes become sad.

"Level S mission... He died in the Evil Queen raid. In my place."

"The whore of South America."

"Hah! I didn't know you would use such a word. We're the same but the environments we grew up in are different, so you have a heavier personality."

"It's just offensive."

"I thought you would win because you're the opposite. But you're stronger than you were when you fought in the game. So this time, I'm going to fight more carefully."

Warlock narrowed his eyes. He found the hidden meaning in the man's words.

"You're thinking of killing her."

"Yeah. I'm going to kill her before she goes looking for a Cha Jun Sung living in another world."

"She has 4 children next to her. Work with me instead."

"I don't want to."

"Why not?"

"It's been a long time since I came to be by myself so I wouldn't need to live anymore. If I work with you, the chance of my surviving only increases. I need to be in an extreme situation to become more earnest."

"Crazy."

"It's spitting in my face."

Cha Jun Sung straightens his back from the wall. It is time to go. A battle shoot overbooster moves over him completely like a muscle.

“You won’t see me again.”

This is Asia. It will be a long journey to South America.

“I’d like it if you died if you can. If that happens, I’ll become much more comfortable.”

“I’ll try.”

Cha Jun Sung sweeps the wall and gets on the road. It is Warlock’s house, but it is also his own house. This is a feeling that he wants to cherish for as long as he can.

“He’s gone.”

Cha Jun Sung disappeared from Warlock’s senses. He came and went like the wind, but Warlock did not have the human feeling of sorrow.

“It’s annoying that I’m playing into someone’s hands.”

A terrifying energy shakes the area. It could become an endless race like a watermill as Cha Jun Sung said.

“I’m sure it’ll be revealed one day if we wait and see.”

The Cha Jun Sung of this world speaks in a similar manner to Cha Jun Sung of another world.

Chapter 106

There is an environmentally friendly park connected to the luxury housing complex that Cha Jun Sung lives in, and it receives fees from outsiders who want to enter.

Unlike open parks, it is stylish and there is a grand dignity to it. There are even security guards installed in each area.

With its safety and amenities for visitors, it is commonly used for residents to exercise or chat in, or for couples as a date spot.

Cha Jun Sung sat comfortably on a bench he purchased as an official.

Benches are divided into public and non-public. Non-public benches can only be used by the residents who purchased them for a certain amount of time along with their families.

They are created in the shape of booths, so they block outside interference if needed. There are also products useful in everyday life like computers and cellphones.

There will not be any reason to, but people could even sleep inside if they wanted to.

“Looks nice.”

Cha Jun Sung looks past the glass.

He does not see very many residents. The majority are couples, and then there are single men and women in their twenties. It is not the case with all, but a few have the same intentions.

Their goal is to become entangled with a rich man or woman in this rich neighborhood.

Even now, pretty and empty-headed women are glancing over at Cha Jun Sung's booth. Men are looking over with envy.

It does not matter whether he borrowed or bought it. His sitting there itself means that he is a resident. He is not the type to show off, but this is not a bad feeling.

You only live once. You are meant to enjoy it as much as you can before you go. Isn't it nice?

Cha Jun Sung came out to the park because of the notepad he has in his hand.

He could have read it at home, but after suffering like a dog and using a lifetime's worth of luck on the Dead Ark, he wanted to get fresh air.

It is the longest he has ever stayed in a mission.

40 days. They had not been going through a mission for 40 days but had been stuck in a gloomy situation for 40 days, which made it harder. There had been the chance that they would never return to reality again.

They cannot even prepare because they do not know when and where a special mission will be initiated. Park Jin Hyuk and Koharu's group said that they would not even look at a level D mission for the time being.

They said that they barely got through, so they would play in level E missions until their minds and bodies were calmed. Cha Jun Sung also decided to rest for a bit and enjoy everyday life.

-[2,155,475]

The points Cha Jun Sung has accumulated. He repaired Hercules for a few days and put him forward to complete Terrain of Infection Trees after many twists and turns.

Hercules had only been hit once by Red Eye, but its face had been crushed. The cervical alloys connecting its neck and back broke like straw.

The parts he had brought along had not been enough for repairs, so he had to use parts that were on the ark. If he had not done that, the cost to repair would have been tremendous.

When the threat of Red Eye and Parasite King disappeared, the level went down to C. It did not surprise him because it is information he saw on Lifer World.

The favor that Red Eye had thrown at him as a gift brought them 180 million points.

He had been doubtful but no matter how much they looked, there were no mutants.

They only found the level 6 infection tree after searching all of Tonga.

The funny thing is that it was weaker than expected. It is level 6, but is not even as strong as a level 5. As it turned out, it is an aftereffect of producing infected fruits.

The infection tree needs to make up for the nutrients it lost in producing infection fruits with infestors. It has become a loner because Parasite King absorbed all of the infestors.

Since there are no infestors to gain strength from, it cannot do anything.

Cha Jun Sung's group may not know, but Parasite King tried to take the infection tree to a new location. Infected fruits are not common delicacies to come by.

However, Red Eye had come back to tell it to leave the infection tree. He did not show it, but it was his own type of consideration.

Cha Jun Sung turned the cover of the notepad. He opens to the first page that he had looked at earlier.

-[If you can feel that I'm doing you a favor, can you take the PDA off before reading this?]

Cha Jun Sung read this and left his PDA at home before coming out. It is a warning that the content could be scanned exactly if he reads this while wearing it.

Odin said that he wanted to read it and asked for permission, but Cha Jun Sung did not let him. He would read it first and then make the decision.

[I'm sure you're wondering who I am? Where I'm from. How I know these things. Forget me. This notepad is the end of our destiny.]

He understood it as the writer saying that he must be satisfied with the notepad and not to want anything more.

Red Eye said that he would be able to have his questions answered by meeting with Warlock, but it does not seem like Warlock is the one that wrote this.

The notepad excluded any idle talk and was organized into chapters. Cha Jun Sung's interest increases. What is it that he wants to tell him?

-[Attack.]

-[Colleagues.]

-[Information.]

He opened to Attack. The mission names, descriptions, and attack strategy are written for missions from level C to A. But the strategies are not that detailed.

Simple hints? He was unsure of level A and B because he has not opened those yet, but there are level C missions that he saw on his PDA.

It could be disobliging, but Cha Jun Sung thought that this much is adequate. He might have been disappointed if every single thing had been explained.

One cannot advance by just leaning on others. There is no growth without hardship and adversity. But that does not mean that he wants to face a crisis of death.

"I'll have to do the overall on my own. If I dig into the hints well enough, there will be less risk."

He will accept an appropriate amount of help. He cannot pack lives in multiples as if they are clothing. He must keep this in mind. It is okay to rely on strategy a little.

Cha Jun Sung was buried in the notepad for hours. If Attack gave hints, Colleagues separated into targets of recruitment and avoidance.

There were unexpected people mixed into both sides, but recruitment has more gravity of importance and avoidance has well-known figures.

-[Some aren't in the avoidance group just because they are bad people. That is the case with the majority, but there are people who unintentionally harm the party.]

-[Once Mechanic City opens, you'll run into him often even if you don't want to. I hope you won't create a bond. There is no benefit in conversing with him.]

-[Even though I say this, it is inevitable that you will meet. Then I'll say it again. Kill him on the spot. Don't keep your humanity. Don't you need to eradicate the pests?]

There are also routes to contact recruitment targets. There is a motley of methods. It

says that these people will not betray their colleagues and protect them.

Cha Jun Sung read this part with concentration. It is better to have more allies. Even better if they are allies that he can trust. They are more valuable than points.

“This is weird. I’m sure it’s been matched to me since it was given to me, but it feels like I wrote it.”

He said it, but he did not take it seriously. Who on earth would think that their future selves in another world sent something to them?

Cha Jun Sung did not imagine that kind of thought in the first place.

Information had the type of things that Lifers would miss. There were more than what Cha Jun Sung knows like the activation of special missions and conditions of helper intervention.

The 3 chapters filled in the gaps of what Cha Jun Sung knows. This is a big deal. He could understand why the helper was excluded.

Helpers are Life Mission operators. This notepad, which breaks the rules, is a bug. It is obvious that the helper would try to fix this bug.

That world is also reality, so he does not know how they will fix it but that is not his problem. Placing any type of restriction is a penalty in itself.

-[Don’t even try a level C mission if you don’t have a battlesuit. You’ll die.]

He was thinking that anyway. He cannot face it while placing all of his trust in his body modifications. He was certain now. Making a blind attempt is a suicide mission.

-[There’s something that Lifers are mistaken about, but buses, parties, and forces can only help you advance to level C. Anyone can get up to there.]

-[Starting with level C advancement, there’s a thing called level of contribution. Without this, it isn’t considered mission completion even if someone goes along with others.]

It means that Life Mission will not give the opportunity to people who are unnecessary. It is a good thing.

Cha Jun Sung is not gloating that those people are not able to advance. It is a worse hell the higher they go, so it is better to settle in a place that is to their standards.

All around the world, hundreds of Lifers die every day. Indiscriminate advancement increases the harm. How many more people will die going forward?

-[Once over 10,000 people reach level C, Mechanic City is opened.]

-[A few months after that will be the 3rd selection of Lifers. I'm sure 100 million people will have died, though it's okay since the population of that era will be over 10 billion.]

He is more curious as to how someone knew all of this rather than who wrote it. Has this person come from the future or something?

That could be it. Life Mission itself is a system that does not make sense.

Every way of thinking becomes different by the approach they take to it. Denial is denial and acceptance is acceptance. The important thing is where the affirmation is.

"I'm sure there will be a tremendous amount of information after Mechanic City, contribution, and 3rd Lifer selection, but I'll leave it for fun later."

He had tried to peruse it, but he did not even get through half of it. He barely paid attention to the parts regarding levels A and B, and looked carefully at the information on level C."

Cha Jun Sung skimmed through and reached the last page. He wanted to see if he could find a reason why someone would personally write this out for him.

-[Think of the notepad as an item. I lost everything because of Life Mission. You might know what that means one day.]

-[I hope this becomes a good luck charm against the unhappiness that will come to you. I'm done with what I have to say. I just hope that you don't become like me.]

There is little on the private history of the writer. It is obvious that he does not want to reveal his identity. Cha Jun Sung respected that.

"What do I start with?"

Cha Jun Sung put the notepad down and decided on an order. He must purchase a battlesuit. He does not care about the accumulation of points because he just needs to wander around in level D missions.

If he wants to make an attempt at a level C mission, he needs colleagues. Now, he is against joining large guilds for whatever reasons.

“I’ll decide on the first party member to sign on and the level C mission.”

Chapter 107

If they take in a lot of members at the same time, they could end up not being able to handle it.

Due to this, he repeatedly considered who to decide on but choosing the level C mission was relatively easy. It is something he had been resolved to get done.

The Closed Area, where he had felt the fear that he could die during the tutorial!

Caicus is at the top of level 5 and there are 600,000 reward points. The hints also summarize what he needs and what he needs to be careful of.

Apparently, 4 or 5 Lifers with battlesuits were plenty to take it on.

“Empress of Light.”

Of the 6 female rankers, she is the strongest and in 3rd place of all of the 36 rankers. Her other nickname:

“Crazy Woman.”

Crazy Woman, Empress of Light.

She never lets go once she gets a hold of something until death – no – even after death. The notorious Crazy Woman is the first party member who Cha Jun Sung is going to enlist.

It is written that she tries to go through a 200,000 level C mission by herself and is put in danger. The date that is written is in a few months.

It says that if he appears then and helps her, he will be able to gain her goodwill. She only knew about Cha Jun Sung through rumors because she acted mostly in Europe.

It tells him to go into the mission however he wants to, whether it is by going into a blocked mission or going through a nearby mission. However he decides to do it, his first person to recruit is Empress of Light.



Woong.

Lifers appeared in a wide open summons gate. 2 men, 2 women, and 1 cyborg. It is Cha Jun Sung and his party.

Cha Jun Sung did not look around as he normally did and left the safe area without hesitation. The party members did not show any wariness either.

It seems like they did not even think that there could be a surprise attack from hidden mutants. From their behavior alone, they had no nerve.

“Level D is dull. Would Kyoko also be able to complete it with just weapons?”

Park Jin Hyuk spoke with his arms crossed. There is no tension to be found in him.

It is not a normal level D, but a 20,000 point advance mission like with the Dead Ark. He is so calm he is about to yawn.

“I think it’s a successful conclusion. Level D and E won’t come unless absolutely necessary.”

The amount of points obtained starting from level C is unimaginable. The lowest reward points is 100,000 and they can gain up to anywhere from 2 million to 2.5 million.

Though there is a difference between levels D and E, there is not a huge deviation in points. Completing a level C in one try guarantees an enormous amount of points.

They had crossed a boundary where they could no longer beat the quality in quantity.

The Terrain of Infection Trees that Cha Jun Sung had happened to complete had 1.8 million reward points. If it had been done under normal circumstances, it would have been worth 9 million.

It is a suicide mission if the Lifer’s abilities do not match up but if they do, it is more effective than going through dozens of lower level missions.

From the point of completing Terrain of Infection Trees, a whole season whizzed by.

Cha Jun Sung and the surviving Lifers' abilities advanced as much as well. Not too long ago, the World Federation was targeting 500,000 points.

The members are incredible. There are 15 out of the 36 rankers. Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin are included there as well. They both possess battlesuits.

Achievement is not counted in reward points until level D but from C, achievement points are distributed with mission completion as well. Terrain of Infection Trees had a great effect.

The offer came to Cha Jun Sung too, but he had refused it. The large guilds of each country are trying to make attempts at level C missions but they were getting fully ready.

However, they had not been able to move the preparation into practice due to the absence of the battlesuit.

Not even large guilds can acquire battlesuits easily when they require 10 million points and 2 million achievement points. It is on a different level from the items they have seen until now.

Cha Jun Sung turned down the proposals because due to the notepad, he does not have to rely on large groups. If he makes up his mind, he can try a 500,000 point mission too.

It is true. Cha Jun Sung and all of his party members have battlesuits.

Park Jin Hyuk purchased it first out of the 4 of them. It is a definite result because he only gathers points without having to invest in Hercules like Cha Jun Sung does.

Park Jin Hyuk bought a battlesuit and repeatedly went into level D advance missions with Cha Jun Sung. He only watched in case of emergency situations, and pushed all of the points to Cha Jun Sung.

The party's power became excessively strong. Level D missions are not pleasing for Park Jin Hyuk any more. Like the World Federation, he wanted to try out a level C.

'If you want to meet Empress of Light, it'll be good for you to leave the area of this mission.'

Cha Jun Sung went into a level D for no reason in order to meet Empress of Light. D-day is in 4 days. He needs to find her in that time.

He did not tell the party members about the notepad. It is not because he does not trust them. It is just easier to keep the secret if he is the only person who knows about it.

Zing!

-[Battlesuit interlocking complete. Connecting helper, connection complete. Starting field scan.]

When the helmet wrapped around Cha Jun Sung's face, his vision changed computationally.

The battlesuit connected to the helper's artificial intelligence and relayed to him the information of everything Cha Jun Sung could see.

The distance from objects were marked numerically and his physical ability magnifies by multiples as it has received assistance from the machine. The world looked easy to him.

There is a small hologram of Cha Jun Sung rotating in the corner so that he can check on his own state at any time.

This parascientific creation that is arranged scrupulously like muscles is protecting Cha Jun Sung's body like iron. A bullet cannot even leave a scratch.

Even if he is hit with a bomb of low firepower, it will be blocked by lowering impulse or increasing external strength. This is what the battlesuit is.

-[Completed field scan of up to 200m radius. Transferring map.]

Cha Jun Sung checks the map. There are red dots marked everywhere. Mutants. The goal of this mission is to find Empress of Light.

-[Zephyrus, Artemis, and Aphrodite are transferring map information.]

"Combine them and show me."

It became much bigger when the 4 were combined. If the notepad is right, they need to climb the wall and get out of the city. That is where she is.

The front of this city is surrounded by a wall that is 10m high. It was supposed to block mutants, but it had ended up trapping the citizens as well.

“Shall we get going?”

“Yes.”

Cha Jun Sung steps off the ground. It leaves a clear mark on the concrete ground and his body is pushed forward. He flies out dozens of meters with every jump.

He could not control the battlesuit at first and had to go through trial and error.

Forget fighting, he was having difficulty controlling his strength. It has been a few weeks since he has been able to control the battlesuit freely.

“I’m Superman!”

“Are you a kid?”

Park Jin Hyuk follows Cha Jun Sung in a Superman pose. Kyoko scolded him for being immature and Koharu was quiet.

Is it because they were making too much noise? Ugly mutants start showing up from everywhere. It would have been better if they had remained hidden, but they had just shortened their lives.

Chapter 108

Cha Jun Sung hit the shins of a Tairoque coming at him from the side.

The legs made of knotted muscles breaks in one blow. It could not believe what it was seeing as its fierce eyes looked surprised. Tairoques are level 3.

It has the intense strength and durable body like a Krollion, but it is appropriately twice as strong because it is of a higher level. But Cha Jun Sung had destroyed it like a bug.

Bang!

The booster went into action from the battlesuit's elbow and creates a hole on the Tairoque's face. It had added strength to his direct assault.

He did not even take out the Wolf Kill. He could feel the fun of beating it with his bare hands. The strong level 3 fell to the ground. It is too weak.

Koharu took her twin daggers and sweeps through hundreds of level 2s. Every time she passed one, its head rolled off its neck.

She pursues a clean battle. Whether she slices them up or cuts their heads off, it is the same that they die. She saves her strength and only aims for the vitals.

There is a sharp sound and something comes flying behind Koharu. It is a disgusting tongue, wet with sticky mucous.

Koharu turns and swings the dagger. The tongue is cut off and spews blood. People do not have eyes on the back of their heads, but battlesuits do.

A full defense sensor monitors the danger of a constant radius and shows this to the wearer on a real-time screen.

Unless they are inattentive, level 1 through 3 are massacred.

Kung!

“It’s loud!”

“It’s here.”

Par Jin Hyuk looks to where the sound is coming from. The Tairoque’s evolved form, Tairos, comes at them while toppling over any building in its way.

It will be extremely angry because they have killed its subordinates and made its home into a mess. There must be a wife or child among these too.

It is incredibly strong as a true body-oriented mutant should be. On its way, it pulled an iron street lamp. It is going to use it in substitution for a weapon.

“Hold out... for a little.”

-[60% of battle core deployed.]

-[Mutant scan! Height 4.95m, estimated weight 1.5t, judging by the shaking of its muscles, killing it with a blow is difficult and must use the Wolf Kill!]

“If I have to use the Wolf Kill against a mere level 4, what do I use against a level 5?”

He said that and it does not matter whether he uses it or not, but it is a matter of pride. He is sure that he needs to get a level 4 with his bare hands in order to be able to take on a level 5.

Cha Jun Sung approaches the Tairos. It swung the street lamp around so he could not come near. A massive sound tickles his ears.

-[Distance from Tairos 7.6m, it is the distance to avoid being hit with the street lamp.]

Bang!

Stone powder sprays from a building hit with the street lamp. It would have been tricky to take it on if he had only had body modifications. It is a power that could kill him if he is hit.

-[Repeated swinging, calculating route. Now! Dig through!]

The routes to attack Tairos were marked in blue on the hologram. They are a little

different, but most of them wield to the same place.

Odin's wielding showed a small gap and went a signal. Now is the time.

Cha Jun Sung ran toward the gap. He has not configured the overbooster yet so there was a frustrating feeling, but he does have the battlesuit.

-[Impulse 4.5t! The battlesuit's left shoulder is weakly broken.]

"Ack! Damn it!"

He had gone in, but it seems he had not matched to the signal well. Cha Jun Sung was hit by the street lamp, flew dozens of feet, and became embedded deep in a building.

"Wow! It's a homerun!"

"Jun Sung!"

Before the street lamp hit the battlesuit, a mechanical grain in nanometric units strengthened the external elasticity and reduced the shock he received as much as possible.

"This asshole!"

Cha Jun Sung jumped out of the building and ran at the Tairos without looking back. The Tairos thought him stupid and swung the street lamp around again.

"I'll smash you to pieces."

The street lamp flying down collided with Cha Jun Sung's kick. He thought that he would be pushed back by weight and location, so he used the booster for high speed too.

The street lamp as thick as his thigh is bent at a 90 degree angle, but Cha Jun Sung is still fine. It does its 10 million points worth.

Cha Jun Sung leapt. He jumped nearly 8m and leaned his body horizontally to strike from on top of the Tairos' head.

There is the sound of its skull cracking. Its mouth is shut and a few teeth the size of a

fist come out with blood.

The Tairos' brain was shaken and it stumbled as it lost its balance, and fell to its knees. It suddenly became eye level with Cha Jun Sung.

"It's not over. This time, I'll take your eyes not your teeth."

It does not understand the human language. Even if it could, it could not respond because it is looking at another world.

Cha Jun Sung hit the Tairos' temple with a high kick. The temporal bone could not withstand the shock, and its eyeballs burst. This is a deadly hit.

The giant collapses. As the bones broke, it wounded the brain as well. It is as good as dead since it cannot function. And it will really die.

Cha Jun Sung's hand went into the burst eye, and ripped the brain.

-[You have earned 20,000 points and 12,000 achievement points.]

He had killed it with his bare hands as he had decided he would. They must have been generous with the achievement points because it had been a one-on-one battle. 60% is the limit for achievement points. They do not give more than this.

The lower level mutants run away when the level 4 dies. They fully recognize that these people are stronger than them. They may be dumb, but they know fear.

'We need to get over the wall, but how do I explain it? Should I just suggest it?'

The wall that Cha Jun Sung needs to get over is the east wall. They had decided on a direction and come this way, but he could not think of a reason to give them.

"This is no fun. Do you want to try going over the wall? Should we try out a level C special mission?"

It is a standard tactic. It is a city where the front is blocked. There is no excuse to climb it.

"Let's go."

“Huh?”

“I said let’s go. As long as we have the battlesuits, it’s easy to run away. Let’s try it out!”

“Forget you.”

Cha Jun Sung ignored Park Jin Hyuk’s opinion. He is always like that. Cha Jun Sung looked at Koharu and Kyoko. Their thoughts are more important.

“I think it’s okay.”

“I did want to try out a level C, so it’s a good thing.”

He had received permission.



Cha Jun Sung goes over the wall. The height is not really a problem. As long as nothing is blocking them and it is just high, they can even get over hundreds of meters.

There are many ways to do it, whether they climb up or use their strength to break it down.

Because it is dark, it is dreary outside the wall. Strictly speaking, it is the same inside and outside the wall. It is a world where mutants are everywhere.

It is a harsh environment for a weak human to walk around in without protection.

“Odin, location.”

-[932. 35. Setting direction coordination. Setting complete.]

If they go around randomly, they will get lost or be placed in a dangerous situation. It is helpful in many ways to set a direction in advance.

The basic battlesuit raises a Lifer’s attack power to level 5 or 6.

This is just attack power. The additional features are invaluable. In the virtual, nothing had been more important than the battlesuit.

“Let’s not wander off anywhere else, and get on the road. I’m sure something will come out on the way.”

-[A mutant will come out.]

“Are you criticizing me? Why? You should just tell me to die. Keep your mouth shut like you used to.”

Once they open level C missions and purchase battlesuits, helpers’ artificial intelligence is injected and they can speak with Lifers.

Whenever he can, Odin insists on reading the notepad that Cha Jun Sung acquired during a mission. He will not quit even though several months have passed.

Cha Jun Sung’s booster shoots out fireworks. He crosses his arms and leaves his body to the power that pushes him. He went straight out as though he were on rollerblades.

While on the move, he repaired the left shoulder that the Tairos had damaged. He cannot see them, but micro robots are stuck on everywhere.

“We should go too.”

“Okay.”

The road is a straight line. The mission area is Russia, the largest country in the world, so the size of the road is incomparable to the narrow ones of Korea.

The surroundings pass by rapidly. The speed is 100km/h. They did not move themselves, but relied on the booster’s fastest speed.

Assuming that there are no obstacles and it is just a straight line, their bodies could overheat and approach the speed of sound. They are becoming living bullets.

Once Cha Jun Sung completed the overmode that he had used in the virtual version, it broke through the sound of speed no matter what whether it was straight or on a curve.

If he attacks while leaving an afterimage with that incredible speed, a level 7 would not be able to respond properly and it would take a level 8 to counter it.

Of course, those kinds of parts are not in the level C store. They would not be in the level B store either. He cannot remodel it even if he sells it using the effect of his body modifications.

If the average person uses even the basic shape, it brings excessive pressure on the windpipe. Everything has a corresponding cost.

Koharu watched Cha Jun Sung going out at the head. He is reliable and cool. He is attractive as the captain of their party and as a man.

She and Kyoko did not say that they would go over the wall without reason. Under that decision is their trust in Cha Jun Sung's judgment.

Cha Jun Sung does act rather harshly at times, but there is always a reason for his actions. They are actions to advance step by step.

They believe that he asked to go over the wall because he has his own assurance of the matter. If they are his party members, they have to have at least that much faith in him.

'If it's the 4 of us, we'll be able to get a level 6. The time to face it has come.'

The official reason for them to trust Cha Jun Sung is the personal reason in their confidence 'To beat a level 6. It's time to face it.'

Excluding non-combat personnel Kyoko, everyone has the ability to take on a level 5 one-on-one. If the 3 of them combine their strength? Then they can take on a level 6.

If they cannot fight it, they can run away. If they run away while wearing the battlesuit, there is no guarantee that even a level 7 can catch them. They will leave it because it is a bother.

Lifers constantly go between life and death during missions. But there is that certain point where they can say 'That moment is most dangerous.'

Most people will say it is the advance missions. They are not wrong, but it is ambiguous to say that they are right. Then when is it the most dangerous?

It is when they quit what they are used to and make an attempt at something new.

Take a look. Lifers gave up on their normal lives and attempted level E.

They tried out level D as soon as they got used to it, and then level C as soon as they got used to that. From now on, this kind of phenomenon will come about repeatedly.

The way Koharu sees it, it has been a long time since their party has passed the ability to take on level D. It makes sense because they could each complete it alone.

It is a wonder that they have not yet attempted level C, but they mean to do their best since they have decided to go in no matter how anomalous it is.

Cha Jun Sung was going without hesitation in the front when he stopped the booster all of a sudden. The party members following behind him had no choice but to stop as well.

“We’ll have to keep our guards up.”

“What is it?”

A large and dark figure is blocking the middle of the road. There is 1. They sped up for some time and the mission changed twice.

Special missions are applied when the difficulty becomes harder than when they first entered. It has not been applied until now because the changes have not been more difficult.

If a mission is changed, it is updated to a new version so it is possible to have an infinite mission as long as they do not return. However, Lifers do not use it often.

They can gather a lot of points, but the level of danger is high because they need to go around to a lot of places. If they make a mistake, they can be put in a situation that is impossible to deal with.

As the mission was updated, it triggered a special mission. This means that the mutant in front of them cannot be placed on the border of level D.

-[Mission update, level C special mission ‘8 Scythe Hunter’ has been activated.]

-[Level C mission: 8 Scythe Hunter] [Goal: Annihilation]

-[Description: The Hunter of darkness who has 8 scythes lives in West Russia, Volgograd. It enjoys slaughter and is wandering around alone again today, imagining

the blood it will get on its scythe.] [Reward: 100,000 points. Lucky box.]

It is an unexpected special mission. Rather than feeling strained, Cha Jun Sung welcomed it. Level Cs go from 100,000 to 2 million points. 8 Scythe Hunter is 100,000.

It will be over once they kill one level 5 without having to go through a difficult process.

He had said that he could fight a level 5 but had never done it before, so this is his chance to practice without interference from others.

“It’s a 8 Scythe Black Fox.”

Its overall movement is slow but the speed it swings its 8 scythes with is murderous. It is a mutant with an attack focused on defense.

It hides during the daytime and only leaves its home at night when it can take advantage of its protective coloration. Even if it is not hungry, it kills for fun.

It must be at least 8m. To the height of its head alone, it is half a size larger than the Tairos.

It resembles a praying mantis so its body extends straight out to the back and the dozens of legs sustaining its body makes it seem larger.

“Jin Hyuk, you want to try fighting it?”

“Pass!”

Park Jin Hyuk waved his hand and refused. Because he is scared? Not a chance!

If he uses the battlesuit for a ranged combat, he could dry it out and kill it. Scythes might be a weapon in close encounters, but appearances are deceptive.

“Looking at how thick and sturdy its shell looks, it’ll be too much trouble to kill it with explosive bombs. It’d be better for you or Koharu to take it.”

He could win but the problem is that it could take a long time.

“I’ll try it.”

Park Jin Hyuk whistled. The person to take a step forward is Koharu.

When she was falling behind in body modifications, she had not been able to behave fittingly for her name, Amhu. She will prove her strength with a battle against a level 5.

The 8 Scythe Black Fox looked at Koharu and raises its scythes. Its arms are in different locations, so the directions of attack are also different. She needs to pay attention to 8 lines of defense at the same time.

“Artemis, scan it and analyze its actions in real-time.”

-[Mutant scan! Height 8.2m, estimated weight 8t. Analyzing state.]

Battlesuits may be excellent, but it is not capable of doing everything. It cannot find weaknesses just by completing a scan.

It gains information during battle and analyzes that to find solutions.

Battlesuit Artemis finished all of the preparations it could do itself. After this, Koharu needs to face it and figure it out for herself.

-[Battle core 80% deployed! Full defense sensor, booster, defense equipment at full capacity! Enemy systemic muscle contraction! 100% chance attack upon entering!]

It is a staggering level 5. Koharu turned all of the battlesuit's battle systems on. There is severe energy consumption, but she cannot fight if she saves on it.

Cha Jun Sung went behind the hunter. Even if it acts alone, he is watching in case another mutant appears. Park Jin Hyuk and Kyoko also left the combat radius.

“Give it your best.”

“Don't worry.”

Koharu looks at Cha Jun Sung and laughs. The party members cannot see her smile because of the helmet, but they can sense it.

The explosion from the booster that received 80% energy goes through the silence in the dark. At the same time, she disappeared.

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Koharu whizzes by in a zig zag between the hunter's legs. Light red blood flows out from the places scratched by the twin daggers.

It is thin compared to the body, but the strength is considerable. Even with twin daggers, they leave scratches at best. It might cut off if she saws at them, but she does not have the time for that.

When the hunter strikes its scythe down, it creates a hole in the ground and scatters debris everywhere. Even then, the end did not go out.

The hunter takes its wings out of its back and flies up into the sky. It cannot fly for too long because of its weight but it is threatening in its use to switch location.

If it flies into the sky, Koharu below it becomes exposed. In terms of a game, it is like a pattern that she needs to read in order to catch it.

Koharu did not overdo it in attacking it and used the booster to retreat far enough so she could respond. It is her battle style.

If meeting her as an enemy, it is a frustrating style. Since she is careful in all of her actions, she does not get caught up in a fight of numbers or when provoked.

As the hunter lowered, it settled in a spot dozens of meters away. Koharu ran at it as soon as it landed on the ground.

No matter how large it is, how thick its shell is, and how durable it is, it is not invincible. If it is hit over and over again to create wounds, any life form becomes exhausted.

The hunter however, also has a brain. Is it because it experienced the same attack multiple times? As soon as she came close, it swung the scythes around and walked backward.

It kept her from approaching it and created more distance when she was slowed down. It is an action that she cannot underestimate just because it is slow.

“They’re neck and neck.”

“It’s strangely boring.”

“I would have given it flesh for its bones, but Koharu has the type of personality where she doesn’t want to give anything when she takes. That’s why she was criticized a lot in the virtual version too.”

She does not have a refreshing big hit. She takes the enemy down with an accumulation of damage. It could be seen as a boring fight as Park Jin Hyuk said.

‘But the Empress of Light is different.’

He has never met her for himself, but he has seen her battle videos dozens of times.

Forget dog fights. She is not cowardly, but she mobilizes all methods in order to win. On top of that, she is incredible with a spear.

A spear’s specialty is mid-range. If the opponent comes closer than that distance, she does not retreat and breaks their joints or rips them apart with her teeth.

Empress of Light carries out a battle that people who do not know her would be doubtful of, as if it were nothing. Cha Jun Sung had also been bewitched while watching her.

‘Two days north, a small town before arriving at Volgograd.’

Cha Jun Sung calculated the appropriate time. Empress of Light has entered several weeks before they did. She will be happily killing mutants right about now.

She prefers solo missions. The reason is that she is well acquainted. It takes a long time until completion, but there is a generous reward in exchange for the time.

There are pros and cons to going party and solo. They can receive less points in exchange for safety and swiftness, or they can gain a ton of points by risking the danger and being later.

The interesting thing is that there are people who show greater strength when they

are alone. There is nothing for them to take care of so in a dangerous situation, they only need to look after themselves.

‘That’ll be its own type of mission. Going through a level C alone was too much. She’s outnumbered.’

Empress of Light is strong. By her specifications, she does not get pushed back by a level 5.

What she is pushed back by is numbers. She can sweep through the underlings but the burly ones are hard. In simple terms, she is lacking in endurance.

It is impossible for someone acting alone to increase their endurance.

1 person cannot become 2 people. As a mission’s difficulty becomes harder, the mutants also become stronger. It is a never-ending chronic problem.

Bang bang!

As the fight between Koharu and the hunter rises, they only focus on the opponent.

There is less of a burden in a single battle with 1 mutant, but not even Cha Jun Sung has the confidence to take on a progressive mission alone.

According to research, the 500,000 point mission that the World Federation took on had 100,000 to 120,000 level 1 through 3 mutants, 50 level 4s, and 2 level 5s.

Empress of Light has taken on 200,000, which is not even half of the 500,000, and even if they say that it would be 40% of the number, it is not a level that she can handle.

No wonder she has been forced into a corner and has been placed in danger. It is an error of judgment on her part.

The hunter’s thinnest leg is cut off under Koharu’s repeated attacks. The damage is beyond regeneration.

It has been cut off but cannot be seen as great damage to a level 5. Its blood is boiling and blood and flesh is about to protrude from the wound.

Koharu focuses her attacks intensively on the leg that is cut off. Since it is before the

sturdy flesh has been formed, it went cut out easily like jelly.

Besides, there is something else she is going after. It is the body's balance.

When the hunter tried to turn its body to attack Koharu, it wobbled to the side where the balance was cut. It collapsed a small part.

It may not seem like it, but a person cannot walk properly if even a thumb or pinky toe is cut off. Everything has a role for use.

Mutants are the same. Just because a wound is weak does not mean that it does not have an effect on the body. All ends come from a start.

Koharu stepped on the back of the helper that lost its balance, and went up. She ran up and brought her twin daggers down on its big eyes.

Insects' eyes are compounded. Their sight is wide, so they can detect attacks from behind without trouble. The hunter did not miss that moment either.

The hunter's joint folds abnormally and it falls down. There is a deluge of scythes. If hit, one can be skewered from the head.

She takes steps. Left, right, front, back – Koharu dances. She is avoiding attacks that could grind whole cars by a sliver.

Koharu stabbed both the hunter's eyes and quickly jumped down.

"Koharu!"

"Koharu! It's dangerous!"

Park Jin Hyuk and Kyoko scream. The hunter put up full defenses. It could switch direction if there is any place to take a step, but it is the air.

-[Reverse booster activated! Output rate 30%, distancing from enemy field of command.]

The booster attached on her arms and legs turned to the reverse and instantly flew Koharu up. An afterimage appeared, and the hunter ripped that afterimage.

There are 2 boosters on her back, 2 each on her elbows and ankles, for a total of 6.

It is possible to transform to the desired direction, so if the power output is fully activated, she can fly in the air but it is ineffective to use this continuously.

There would be nothing they could do if they need to create a dogfight for whatever reason, but they need to save their energy in case there is a ground battle like the one they are in now.

Koharu retreated and used all of her strength to throw the twin daggers.

The hunter brandishes its scythes. It missed one of the daggers because of a pain of its eye ripping, and the other dug back into the eye.

The vibrating function is on. The dagger in its eye kept shaking and widened the wound. They cannot imagine how painful it is.

It cannot regenerate until the dagger has been pulled out. There is no point in its trying.

“Ack!”

“What is that?”

The hunter lifts its scythe and digs out its own eyeball. Koharu was trying to pick up the dagger from the ground, and was surprised. She did not know that it would go to such lengths!

The hunter becomes angry and struck down at Koharu’s back. It can only see the woman who caused it great suffering. It is half out of its mind.

Cha Jun Sung interfered. The booster with output rate of 100% moved him above the hunter’s head within moments. It was almost like teleportation.

The Wolf Kill penetrated through the thick shell and bones to stab the brain. She had been surprised when she saw it digging out its own eye, but she did not let her guard down and moved out of the way.

While it was stuck in the brain, Cha Jun Sung moved the Wolf Kill forward so it emerged, splitting the hunter’s head. It still does not die and is only in a craze.

“Took you off guard, didn’t it?”

“Yes.”

“I didn’t know that it would dig its own eyes out either. It might have been able to act in response because it could watch the battle.”

Koharu went to the hunter, sprawled out and trembling in anger. Letting her guard down is one thing, and she needs to end it now. Of course it would die even if she left it alone.

-[You have earned 120,000 points and 40,000 achievement points. You have earned 100,000 reward points and 50,000 achievement points for completing the mission.]

220,000 and 90,000. Is this the class of level C? It is incredible considering she caught 1 mutant. Everything had been possible because they had the battlesuits.

The hunter is in the lower ranks of level 5. Koharu did not show it, but her pride was hurt. She struggled this much with a lower rank.

“You can win, right?”

“There is 17% left of the battlesuit’s energy level. 2 would be difficult.”

She can win if they fight again, but 2 of them is too much. She could do something about it if she puts her life on the line, but beyond that is impossible.

“We can fill in whatever we’re lacking slowly by upgrading. Don’t be discouraged.”

Cha Jun Sung would have finished it faster than she did. The Wolf Kill’s power could get through the hunter’s shell more effectively than her twin daggers could.

Koharu only has one disadvantage. She has trouble getting the upper hand against mutants with strong defense. She will need to change her weapons to something more powerful.

Koharu takes a square object out of her space compression bag. It is a disposable charger for her battlesuit. If she leaves it plugged in, it will supplement.

Pew pew!

“What are you doing?”

“Test.”

Park Jin Hyuk shoots the Head Hunter at the hunter’s corpse. The explosive embeds in the skin and makes blood splatter out, but the wound is not deep. It is just a scratch.

Bang!

The bomb goes off and a part of the corpse becomes sunken in. A large piece of flesh falls off. Even still, Park Jin Hyuk’s frown remains.

“Hm. I would have suffered if I fought this too. Look at its defense. It’s like a turtle.”

The hunter puts all of its trust in its scythes and sturdy shell, and does not take defensive behavior. It starts by attacking and ends by attacking.

Cha Jun Sung scratched his cheek at Park Jin Hyuk’s complaint. Even if he says that, he would have been fighting ferociously.

“It’s a bit boring for a level C, so shall we go around and earn points?”

The destination is already decided. They can warm up until they meet Empress of Light. If they want to complete a 200,000 point mission, they need to get fired up.

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Cha Jun Sung's group looks over a small town from a high hill. It looks like a place where only dozens of people live. Something is roaring from within it.

Whenever it yells, it becomes quiet everywhere. Everything is scared of this parent object. It is a level 5. How does Cha Jun Sung know? Because the Empress of Light is there.

They would hear the sound of explosive bombs in this quiet. Judging by how they do not hear any, she must be resting.

She will take resting periods often since she is going through this mission solo. It is expected that the battlesuit's energy will fall quickly and her personal energy consumption will also be that much.

"I guess a special mission is going to ring the second we step foot in there."

Park Jin Hyuk looks at the town and stroked his arms. Anyone who looks at it can say that it is a level C. He estimated the reward points to be in the hundreds of thousands.

"One day."

"One day?"

"Huh? I was talking to myself."

Cha Jun Sung had not realized that he was talking to himself and spoke aloud. The distance was to take 2 days but it had taken 4 because of the mutant. The time they have left is 1 day.

On the way here, they had gotten through 2 level D missions and 1 level C. They do gather a lot of points but they are all one-hits, so they cannot be considered jackpot.

Basic items in the level C store go for around 3 million points. If there is something they consider useful, it can go from 5 million to 10 million like the battlesuit.

Expenditure increases with income. What they need to buy after the battlesuit is level C weaponry. This takes up 7 to 8 million points.

Currently, Cha Jun Sung's group only has about 300,000 points. They have to go back to the beginning and gather points.

"Jun Sung, should we rest here today?"

"Let's do that."

Since they have discovered the town, there is no reason why they need to follow the path. If they jump down from the cliff and go straight, they will arrive in a few hours.

Cha Jun Sung's group sat anywhere on the ground. As long as they have food, they can sleep anywhere. The battlesuits block all external elements.

Everyone charges their battlesuits. If they want to maintain 100%, they need to get in the habit of doing so. Even if they do not go into battle.

Energy is being consumed even while they are sitting still.

"Kyoko. Once we enter that town, you need to take care of your own body. Got it?"

"I got it!"

"I don't know how many points it'll be worth, but it won't be like Terrain of Infection Trees."

He said '200,000 points' in his head. There will be 1 or 2 level 5s. With that amount of power, they can take care of it even without Empress of Light.

"Koharu and I..."

Bang bang bang!

When Cha Jun Sung was about to continue speaking, they heard a series of bombs going off under the hill. There is a weak flash of light.

"The town!"

“Is there a Lifer?”

Cha Jun Sung looked. If it is the sound of Empress of Light fighting, does that mean she is starting to fight now and that her life will be in danger after a day?

“What do you want to do?”

“We have to go! It’s the first time we’re entering another Lifer’s mission!”

He is right. This is the first of this type of instance. It is worthy of excitement for Park Jin Hyuk and the sisters. They think that they could experience something fun.

“If that’s what you guys think. But don’t get in contact before I do.”

“Yes!”

Park Jin Hyuk jumped from the cliff. Cha Jun Sung and the sisters threw their bodies right away. They can activate their boosters as they fall and decrease the speed.

“Shall we go meet the Crazy Woman?”

He is excited to see what kind of ranker she is.



My name is Violet Florence. British and 28 years old! A beautiful young lady. You think I won’t be?

Will you be able to look at me properly and say that?

There isn’t a man that I haven’t been able to successfully seduce. I could fill an entire subway with the men who have followed me around and there still wouldn’t be enough space.

We didn’t meet for long periods of time. They peed their pants when they found out who I am.

I’m like a leech? I’m empty-headed? Don’t be so full of yourself! I majored in Administration at Oxford! Until last year, I handled my clan’s ledgers.

I quit that now. Huh? Accounting is really boring. It feels like my eyeballs are going to fall out from looking at numbers all day.

Oh! I'd be grateful if you excuse my language. Our clan is on the rough side.

The clan also wanted me to quit that stuff so I could do something that would help me contribute more. I welcomed it with both arms wide open too because it is what I had wanted.

What do I like to do? Do you know about a game called Life Mission? This Violet is pretty famous – no – really famous as a ranker.

Among 36 rankers, in 1st place of the females. 3rd place even when looking at the entire ranking. This game was my only lifeblood. And then that happened.

One day, Life Mission suddenly became reality. There is no way to figure out the cause, so I'll skip explaining the process.

For the first few months, the clan, Lifers, and I all wandered. It doesn't make common sense or scientific sense.

Anyway, the situation gradually stabilized and I started revving the engine. I'm Empress of Light. My pride wouldn't allow me to fall behind others.

I mostly did solo missions but if I was lacking in power, I would enter missions with people from my clan. There's no reason to do it with people I don't know.

My brothers and uncles are not averse to killing mutants because they live in a world where they shoot guns often. And we work well together.

I went forward little by little, completed the level D advance mission, and even went into level C. A lot of people died, but I think that there was nothing to do about that.

'The gains are as much as blood is spilled' is my clan's motto.

I opened level C missions but didn't dare try them out? So I did manual labor and succeeded in buying the battlesuit about 1 month ago.

My clan supports me with most of the basic gear, so it was easy to gather points.

Was there a bliss from experiencing a new world that I had only been able to see in virtual reality, in real life? I completed the level D advance mission in just 1 day.

And then I made a try at level C. The clan said that they would get a force together and that I should go in together, but I just went in saying that I could handle it on my own!

Because of that conceit, I faced the greatest danger in my life. I don't regret it though. As a result, I was able to meet them.



"Fuck!"

Violet curses. Her face is covered by the helmet, but her current psychological state is that of nervousness and anxiety.

She had not underestimated the mission. She had not even thought that she would be able to complete it easily. But this level of difficulty was beyond her expectations.

"Should I have entered with a force? No. I'm pretty sure we would have all died together."

Violet is certain. Level C cannot be handled with quantity. It needs to be resolved with quality. Even if she had been in a force, the outcome would not have been different.

The clan's talent is made up of people who are good enough to come into level C.

Immediately? No! They need time before they can do that. If they are pushed into a mission before they are ready, they will die before they can do anything.

Violet sets up a booby trap. It is a time when she can use anything.

A few weeks ago, she had entered thinking that she can quit the mission if she cannot complete it. Levels 1 through 4 do not pose problems. It is because of the level 5.

It is weak for a level 5, but it is very intellectual. It is almost at human standards. It commanded the mutants in the city.

Hitting and retreating is the strategy that Violet needs to use but here, it is the strategy that the mutants use. They distributed the power and cut down on the battlesuit's

energy.

There is no way they know that, but it seems they are trying to drain the opponent of her strength. It is working. Anything that came at her died, but she only has a few chargers left.

Beep beep!

She finished setting everything like the Claymores up. Violet has been hidden away at the end of the sewer for a few days. The odds are against her on the ground.

It is not a situation where she can go around and find mutants to kill. She lasted as long as she could and waited for a chance to counterattack. It is a small relief that the attacks have diminished.

The battlesuit has finished charging. She knows because she has experienced it. If she leaves the battlesuit fully charged like this, she can last at least a day among even merciless attacks.

“I’m going to go crazy. The mission is blocked. At this rate, am I really going to die?”

The mission needs to be opened up if there is to be re-entry. If it is blocked, it means that the helpers think there is still a chance for Violet.

“Gaia, can’t you open up the mission for me? I can’t get through this alone.”

-[It is impossible. With Lifer Violet’s skills and items, you can last 3 more days. It may be possible to open up the mission then.]

You damned girl!

3 days? She would be able endure until then. After that? She needs to receive help whenever she can. She does not want to do it when her life is on the line.

Wiing!

Violet took the battlesuit off. The compactly configured lines folded and went into the alloys making up the shell’s defense.

The folded shape is strange but it looks like a backpack.

Of course, it is not the size of the average backpack. There is no way that could happen with the volume. It is just a way to describe it. It is almost twice the size of a person's body.

"Only leave the sensor on."

-[Sensor activated.]

Violet looked at the battlesuit and sighed. She has to go to such lengths to save energy. This is making the Empress of Light lose face.

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“Refreshing.”

Violet leaned on the sewer wall and sat on the ground. Her sensual figure shows through the impact tights stuck to her body.

Her face is also a work of art. When exposed to light, her eyes are a dreamy purple.

Unless dyed or created with contact lenses, they are hard to find anywhere in the world. She has unique genes. That may be why she seems even more charming.

“I would run away if I could, but they have no intention of letting me go.”

She had tried to get out of the city, but the level 5 had not allowed it. It does not normally get involved, but balances it out when it seems like she has the advantage.

It seems to be playing around with her or experimenting with her rather than trying to kill her. She would just be angry if it is the former, but there is something she is guessing if it is the latter.

“Dominion.”

It is using Violet as a threat to exercise its power over its subordinates. If this is right, it is an extremely troublesome opponent.

“Ugh, it’s so annoying! At any rate, whether it’s with people or mutants, the ones that scheme need to be ripped apart. So disgraceful.”

This city’s level 5 tends to resort to cheap tricks. The systemic way it controls its subordinates is the same. This type is difficult to deal with even among the ones that use cheap tricks.

-[Appearance of mutant 193m in front!]

“Oh no!”

Violet bolted from where she was sitting, pulled out the spear she had dug into the ground, and ran. She left the battlesuit alone. It would have sent a subordinate first.

The level 5 also knows that she has booby traps set up inside the sewer. It does not know how to work them, but sends down its subordinates to dismantle them.

It requires hard work to set up each trap. They are not meant to be used on level 1 or 2s. They are for at least level 3, with level 4 as the goal.

Kyak!

Malformed monsters with hunched backs bared their yellow teeth at Violet and ran at her. There are about 20 to 25 of them.

The spear's best attack is to just do it. Laden with a rotational force, it punctures holes in their bodies. She can fight level 4s even without the battlesuit.

Garbage like levels 1 and 2 are barely snacks to her.

The sewer is separated into several prongs and there are a lot of passages of entry.

It is just that she is in a corner. All she needs to do is block the ones that keep coming in. The disadvantage is that it is easy to block them, but it is a cul-de-sac?

“These assholes!”

Skells and other types of mutants keep pushing forward. Violet is getting pushed further back. There are enough of them to pack a huge sewer.

She estimates that there are more than 50,000 mutants living in this city.

If she had been on the slaughtering side, it would have been a sea of points but since she is being pushed back, it feels overwhelming. No matter how many of them she kills, there is no end.

Bang!

Bang bang!

The booby trap goes off. She made it so they would not overlap but they are being used

up so quickly that they could be mistaken as a chain of explosions.

That is proof of how Violet is being pushed back in this concentrated attack.

“Ack!”

Violet swings the spear and pulls her hair. She is so angry she could go crazy. If she could, she would rip them all to death.

Bang bang bang!

It had taken her hours to push 193m but the distance was short, so she quickly reached the wall. With that, her patience was gone.

“Fine! Since it’s turned out like this, I’m not running away! Let’s end it! Gaia!”

Battlesuit Gaia changed into human form and opened up an entry. Violet goes inside. It’s all or nothing. She is going to turn it all over.

“Die!”

-[Battlesuit 70% deployed! Booster output rate 50%, creating a path!]

Bang!

Violet made herself into a human missile. She held the spear forward, put her trust in the booster, and went forward. It was like looking at a bulky rhino rush through.

A few mutants died on the spear. If she turns her body once, dozens of bodies go flying. It is a terrifying battle strength.

She went forward while piling mountains of bodies. She avoided them because she knows she could die, but she the circuit spun. She is going to go outside and destroy the level 5.

Violet lifted her head. Moonlight seeps in through the open manhole. Mutants are using the ladders on the walls to come down.

All 6 of the battlesuit’s boosters turned on and she shot up.

Bang!

She bumped the edge of the manhole on her way up but rather than falling, she smashed it. Violet looked around the area while dozens of meters up in the air.

-[Field scan! Mutant search! West, confirmation of mutant matching conditions!]

As soon as Gaia was done talking, Violet flew without even looking. She can look as she goes. It is cunning. She does not know when it might run away.

“You!”

It is stuck to a spire. Brown with a bubble covering its entire body. It is over 4m tall. It saw Violet and quickly created more distance.

It has sensed something weird. She would normally try to run away, but she is chasing it now. It needs to be careful because she is a powerful opponent.

Bang bang!

When the spear struck down, it fell under the power. Violet increased the booster's output of power. She does not care what happens as long as she can kill this level 5.

The chase is in a high place so the lower levels just watch and the mid levels that can climb walls chased her.

The mutants come swarming at the level 5's roar.

They look like a swarm of ants come to catch a giant prey. There must be over 10,000 of them.

No matter how weak they are, there is no chance of winning against such numbers.

“Come on!”

The battlesuit's sensor becomes saturated. There is no use for it to mark that any one thing is somewhere because the mutants are everywhere. Everywhere she looks, is an enemy.

“Ha ha ha!”

Violet belted out a hair-raising laugh and swept the area she decided on. It seems reckless, but she is Empress of Light who is called a crazy woman.



“Wow!”

Park Jin Hyuk arrived first and made an interjection. Looking down from the building roof, the neighborhood below is 5 minutes from chaos.

Tens of thousands of mutants are running at something.

They are covering the floor and building. The only thing they cannot spread out over is the sky. Cha Jun Sung has never seen so many mutants in any mission he has been in either.

Skilled Lifers depreciate level 1 and 2 mutants as underlings.

But can they say that when they see this? The battlesuit’s energy and stamina from body modification will run out before they can annihilate the mutants.

“Aha! Die!”

The spear’s trajectory goes through the air and that siege spreads in waves.

“Who is that woman? She laughs while killing mutants. She must be crazy.”

“How would I know?”

Cha Jun Sung feigned ignorance when Park Jin Hyuk asked him. This is to be his first time seeing Violet as well. He cannot act like he knows who she is.

‘She’s getting pushed back.’

Violet is being overwhelmed. They had come running as soon as they heard the explosion, but it had taken a few hours. It seems like the battle has gotten pretty far along in that time.

The amount of corpses around her is increasing. It is like they are piling up. But more came running at her, stepping over the dead ones.

“Empress of Light?”

Koharu watches Violet with her sharp eyes. She recognizes her. Her incisive spearmanship and anomalous attacks, even her flaming madness.

On the premise this is a woman, this can only be one person.

Cha Jun Sung pretended to be surprised enough. He has poor acting skills, but Koharu did not notice. He could not handle doing something he was not used to.

“Woah! I’ve heard about her. She’s the top female ranker.”

Koharu glared. Park Jin Hyuk flinched and pretended to do something else.

Whether with men or women, no one likes to be compared to others. Though indirectly, he had noted that Violet is stronger than Koharu.

“How dangerous. She’s a candle flame in front of wind.”

“We’ll have to help.”

They are looking for opportunities with levels 3 and 4 mutants.

If they launch a surprise in this chaos, they will be driven to defense at once. Park Jin Hyuk knows how to read a war situation as well. When he looks at it, it is dangerous.

“The mutants look like some kind of human army. They’re moving systematically.”

Cha Jun Sung was thinking the same thing. It may be dizzying, but it is in an orderly fashion.

Mutant is an umbrella term that humans have named them. They too are of different types and take prey or attack. They need to consider the possibility that there could be mutants that take command.

“Odin. Search for a mutant showing unique behavior. You guys too.”

It is more effective to have all 4 people do it rather than doing it by himself.

-[Northeast direction 120m, there is an unidentifiable signal coming from a mutant on

the facade of a towering building. It seems to be of the systemic family.]

The helpers check the location. It comes up on the screen inside their helmets.

“Karakan.”

Cha Jun Sung saw the mutant and said its name. It is weak in battle, but it is a tricky one to deal with. Higher levels cannot withstand its control.

“It must have put in months of work to control such a large scale of mutants?”

There are several tens of thousands. Not even a level 6 would be able to get all of them under control in an instant. Since it is lacking in ability, it has worked with time and effort.

“Jin Hyuk. Check the mutants on the roof. Shoot and kill as many as you can.”

“Okay!”

Park Jin Hyuk stares at the battlefield. It is a horde. The entire city is a target. There is no issue for Kyoko, who is not a sniper, either. They will hit their targets even if their eyes are closed.

“Koharu, kill the level 3 and 4s.”

“What are you going to do?”

“Me?”

Cha Jun Sung put the Wolf Kill over his shoulder. People should by all means do what they are best at. If roles become warped, it would be better not to do anything.

“Wreak havoc. Hercules, block anything coming at Jin Hyuk from the center.”

“Mission confirmed!”

Cha Jun Sung flies up. The impact from his departure cracks the roof. Koharu looked at the remaining 2 people and dove in among the mutants.

“Kyoko, do you know how to snipe?”

“No.”

“Just shoot.”

Park Jin Hyuk took the sniper rifle he used in the beginning out of his space compression bag. The power is okay. This is enough to take out this swarm.

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Kung!

“Shut the fuck up!”

Violet poured curses and jabs of her spear out on the mutants drooling all around her. They will not stop coming at her. They call for death.

‘Oh, I was out of my mind.’

She snapped out of it. Her hot temper had created another mess. She needs to tone her temper down if she wants to get married, but she becomes a madwoman with the blink of an eye.

She calmed down and she identifies the overwhelmingly adverse situation. Killing is another issue, but she is about to be swept away by the wave. She needs to come up with a plan.

-[Battlesuit’s remaining energy... Less than 39%! Charging is urgent.]

Because it is the basic model, the energy runs out quickly. The battlesuit she completed in the virtual version could take a full day of this type of warfare.

It is the difference between a great sports car and a run down car that is about to become scrap metal.

Violet adjusted the booster. She will need to get out of here first.

She cannot go on the ground because it is occupied by mutants, so she will have to make a path in the sky. With 39% energy, she will be able to fly for about 10 minutes.

“Let go!”

Several tails fly up and wrap around Violet’s ankles. They are like whips. She cannot fly because a couple of mutants have a hold on her.

Bang!

She eventually lost balance from the booster's output, and plummeted to the ground. The mutants did not miss this chance to crush her.

She can see mutants ripping the battlesuit apart through the screen in her helmet. She can strengthen the outer shell and hold out for now, but it is like getting drenched in a drizzle.

"I can't die like this!"

It is what everyone says right before they die. Those words came out of Violet's mouth as well. She needs to live. She lives to live... but by what means?

-[4 battlesuit signals detected 90m in the rear! Reinforcements are here!]

Unless the signal is blocked, they can transfer locations of battlesuits nearby. Gaia had read Cha Jun Sung's signal.

There is a shockwave right in front of Violet. It is a concussive shell that Lifers like to use. The mutants hit with this thrash.

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung fell out of the sky with his Wolf Kill over his shoulder. The surface trembles and dust from the ground flies. It was an extremely stylish entrance.

To Violet, he looked like prince charming of fairytales.

"Get your senses together."

"Ah!"

Pew pew pew pew!

Park Jin Hyuk and Kyoko started shooting from the roof. Dozens of mutants die. They do not shoot randomly, but aimed for the mutants around Cha Jun Sung first.

Kung!

The level 5 watches from the roof and screams. It can be interpreted to something like 'Go catch them'. A section of the higher levels went in their direction, but they had already been prepared.

Pew pew pew pew!

Hercules blocked the path up and fires with the vulcan cannons in both of its hands. Its armed state is impressive, so it resisted from a large distance.

Koharu killed the level 3 and 4s. The level 3s are easy, but the level 4s took some time. Even still, she undertook her mission well.

"I'll open up the path to the Karakan, so wrap that up."

"Oh right! That asshole!"

"...Excuse me?"

Violet covered her mouth with her hand. She had cursed without realizing it. Cha Jun Sung thought that she would become a party member who is hard to control.

She makes a slip even when they are meeting for the first time. If they get on friendly terms, the future is obvious.

Cha Jun Sung ran first. He brandishes the Wolf Kill with not just his arms but his entire body. He rotated it like a windmill and cut up everything that came at him.

If a mutant somehow avoided the Wolf Kill, he beat it with his hands and feet. Violet was enchanted with this image. He is rough and concise.

"Who is he?"

There is a high possibility that he is a ranker since he is using a battlesuit, but there is no Lifer who matches up. When Cha Jun Sung changed his sword, his fighting style had also changed.

If he had been sharp like a samurai wandering the world before, he is now like a general commanding a battlefield. Of course she does not recognize him.

"What are you doing!"

“I’m going!”

Violet had been staring blankly when she went into the open path at Cha Jun Sung’s yell. The Karakan is hiding somewhere fairly far from the battlefield.

It is the type to stay behind the scenes. It must be surprised. This unexpected variable had changed the tide of the battle.

Violet watches Cha Jun Sung and his party members as they work everywhere.

Their skills are one thing, but the party has a great balance. 2 people snipe while a cyborg protects them. There are assassins who target their enemies’ shortcomings.

The blader who seems to be the leader is specialized in close encounter fighting and runs around as if the world is small. For a party of just 4 to be like this. It really is impressive.

From the way they act, they do not look to be part of a federation or large guild.

‘We can deal with questions later.’

There is a lot that she wants to ask, but they need to handle the battlefield first.

Though they will have to get rid of individuals regardless, killing the Karakan will bring down the command.

They can make an aggregate under one leader become more of a rabble.

Violet rushes at the Karakan. Cha Jun Sung took care of the higher levels that were trying to protect their leader. If any of them got through him, they were sniped.

“I told you I would kill you!”

Kyak!

The Karakan also realized that it has nowhere to retreat to and stopped running away.

It is a level 5 but its fighting ability is closer to a mid level 4. Running away can only be done when the situation allows for it. If there is no other option, it cannot keep retreating.



Violet's javelin went through the Karakan's head and stuck in the building. The mutant's organs cannot function and the moment its head is hit, it dies.

The mutants' mental control is lifted. They are confused and look at each other. Then they gradually regain their natures.

The higher levels attack the lower levels and eat them. The lower levels run for their lives. It became a different kind of chaos than it was a few seconds before.

"Let's kill the higher levels first. At this rate, half our points are going to go away."

"Ah! Yes!"

Cha Jun Sung went around looking for the level 3 and 4s. Violet did the same. Each of the party members already had their own targets.

Once the Karakan was dead, everything went smoothly.

They cannot kill tens of thousands of mutants in a short amount of time. It will take a couple days. They first took care of the ones that wanted to attack them.

After about 6 hours, they were done with the level 4s that they could see and nearly done with the level 3s. They decided to go after the lower levels after realigning.

-[Everyone come down.]

The situation was stabilized, so Cha Jun Sung called Park Jin Hyuk and Kyoko down too. Koharu was already on the ground, so she joined them without being called.

"Is anyone hurt?"

"We're not."

"How about you?"

Kyoko took out her medical devices and looked back and forth between Cha Jun Sung and Koharu.

When they said that they are fine, she asked Violet as well.

“I’m alright as well. I thought you were a sniper, but you’re a medic?”

“Yes. The sniper is him.”

“Ahem!”

Kyoko motioned to Park Jin Hyuk. He straightened his shoulders and pretended to be cool. All he has done is to shoot at anything and hit it.

“How did you get here? It wouldn’t be through an open mission.”

Violet is curious. Though she was in danger, the mission had not opened because she was engaged in it. This party had found her while they were inside.

“Our party’s starting point is a city a couple days’ distance from here.”

“A free mission?”

“Yes.”

It is standard procedure to do normal missions through the PDA and helpers.

Free missions are when they go through an area where it can be a hit or a miss. She had only heard of it and had never thought that there would be a party to do it.

How good are they that they do this without hesitation?

Honestly, this is the first time Cha Jun Sung is doing a free mission as well. After playing Life Mission for a long time, he can feel when some place has a high difficulty.

That was the case with Volgograd, which is close to this place. As Russia’s big city, the population is over 1 million. It could even be a level C advance or level B.

Would a high level mutant live in the middle of the road? Calculating these types of issues, he traveled this distance to rescue Violet.

If it had been too dangerous, he would have waited until the level C mission she was in had opened up. Though she is a candidate for their party, their lives are priority.

Violet pulled her helmet back. Being surprised is one thing and being grateful is another. She had been able to avoid a dangerous situation because of Cha Jun Sung's group.

"I'll formally introduce myself. I'm Violet Florence, from Britain."

Her mysterious purple eyes showed once the helmet was down.

Koharu and Kyoko are attractive as well, but Violet's unique characteristic is evident unlike the sisters who have normal black hair and eyes. She has a rarity.

Cha Jun Sung was stunned for a second and came back to his senses. Park Jin Hyuk was also staring blankly, mesmerized. He has fallen into her sea of seduction.

Woong!

They all took their helmets off as well. It is courtesy to accept her introduction.

'Hm?'

Violet secretly hoped that Cha Jun Sung's appearance would be over average.

His impression had been good until now. His entrance and first impression were the best. As long as he does not slip up with appearance, she could even become interested in him.

She is completely satisfied with the results. He is not extremely handsome, but he is soft and sharp. He also looks to be at least 6 feet tall. He passed.

"I'm Cha Jun Sung from Korea."

"Park Jin Hyuk."

"I'm Kyoko from Japan."

Violet looked at Koharu. If they are going in order, it is her turn.

"I'm Kyoko's sister, Koharu. Excuse me, but I have something to ask you."

"I'll answer everything."

“Uh... That spear and your battling style.”

“Excuse me?”

“The 36 rankers. Are you Empress of Light, who was active in Europe in the virtual version?”

Violet’s eyes become narrow. Koharu is asking as if she knows who she is, so she has put her guards up. How did she know?

Have they come from the Venter family? Or royalty? Are they with the World Federation?

‘No, they can’t be.’

External factors are not applicable in Life Mission. Even if they knew the name of the mission she entered, meeting would have been impossible unless it was by chance.

“I’m Amhu from South America. You don’t have to put your guard up like that. To run into you like this. This world is a small place. Well, since this is also Earth.”

“Huh?”

Violet blinked. She had heard about Koharu. She is one of the 6 female rankers. Is she the true leader of this party?

“Jun Sung, you tell her too.”

“Me?”

He is embarrassed to say his game name at this age, but he will say it a hundred times if it will help.

“So you really are Empress of Light. I’m Overload of South America.”

“Huh?”

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Violet's big eyes became round. She is speechless and can only point at the two of them.

Overload, 1st place ranking. The only Lifer who succeeded in a level 9 raid.

"The one who beat Brayburke?"

"Who is that?"

"You don't know his real name? The strongest ranker you fought!"

The strongest ranker? All of the rankers he fought had been strong, but there had been 2 that were particularly difficult. 2nd place ranking Weapon Master and 4th place Blood King.

The former was ability and the latter because of his proficiency in PKs and his gear.

But if he has to pick one...

"Weapon Master?"

"Yeah!"

He had made a guess because it did not seem like she was talking about Blood King, and it seems he was right.

"Weapon Master Brayburke Venter. He's the firstborn of British Duke Venter's family."

"Are there any normal people among the rankers? Koharu and other people. There are models and actors, now royalty."

"There's one here."

Cha Jun Sung is a completely average person. There is something to what Park Jin Hyuk said though. Violet is also far from being average.

According to the notepad, she is the daughter of a famous mafia family in England.

“You changed your weapon.”

“It feels good in your hands.”

“Just from appearance, you look more like Asia’s Chamma Sword rather than Overload.”

“I guess I do.”

“Did you know he’s in the World Federation. They have 14 or 15 rankers.”

He knows. He heard from Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin. When he looked over the list of people who joined, they were all people who were recognized for good in the virtual.

The people who like freedom like those here are going solo and the sinister ones are going around together. Circumstances are the same in reality and the virtual.

“Violet, are you personally acquainted with Weapon Master?”

“We ran into each other a lot because our area of activity and nationalities are the same. He is in the World Federation with the royalty, and offered me a deal to join.”

They are moderately acquainted, but Violet finds Brayburke burdensome.

Their two families are yin and yang, so they cannot be compatible. One side is the top royal family in England and the other side is the top mafia clan in England.

Brayburke told her that if she joins the federation, the royalty and Venter family would help her go through the missions safely.

But with the emergence of a business, Life Mission, she gave up illegal work and rejected the offer as she did not have a reason to accept.

‘Everyone is running to the top from each of their own positions. I have to work harder.’

“Is this a solo mission?”

Koharu asked. If Violet had entered with a party or force, it would be normal for her to be sad. There is nothing like that. Cha Jun Sung only watched.

“I thought I could do it.”

“A level C 200,000 point solo mission... There’s a limit to the battlesuit too.”

“I’m not going to do it again.”

She is being totally honest. From now on, she will not be taken over by conceit and will make sure to get a party or force together to enter missions. She had really been hit hard.

“Let’s move. We’ll realign and put our strength together to complete the mission.”

Even if they became safe for a moment, they are in the middle of a city teeming with mutants. The battlesuits have fallen to half of their energy as well. Violet’s is below 5%.

“Let’s go somewhere high.”

“Over there!”

Cha Jun Sung’s group and Violet went to the top of the highest building in this city. High places are the best to watch while resting.



-[Congratulations. You have cleared a land dominated by a level C mission.]

The completion notice comes up and they receive reward points. Cha Jun Sung accepted Violet as a temporary party member. He did not extend a formal invitation.

He must first let her get a feel for what their party is like. They are not as big as a large guild, but they are not outdone in comparison.

Cha Jun Sung’s plan worked. This party configured with just 4 people sweeps through the highest level missions. They are not complicated and they match well together.

Lifers who go around alone are bound to dislike groups.

Is uncomfortable the right word for it? It is the same for Cha Jun Sung's group and for Violet. She is a bit used to being in groups because she receives support from her clan.

'If I'm included, it's 5 people in 1 group?'

There are 3 rankers. Park Jin Hyuk, that big kid, is also good enough to be a ranker. His sniping skills reminds her of one of the 36 rankers, Light Shooter.

The medic in a battlesuit and 5 million point cyborg under Overload's possession support the party at appropriate times.

'I don't know anything about these people. It's too early to join their party.'

They are appealing, but it is not a decision to rush. It would be okay to do so if it were a one-time party, but she needs to be careful with deciding on a fixed one.

'Is it insufficient?'

Only Cha Jun Sung knows that she is a candidate for the party. Everyone else is reading between the lines. She is waiting for the bite.

"Mr. Cha Jun Sung."

"Yes."

"Can you give me your contact information? I'd like to repay you for saving my life."

Repayment was Violet's joining the party, but Cha Jun Sung did not make it obvious and told her how to get in contact with him. The party members were not suspicious either.

"Mr. Cha Jun Sung, you said that your helper's name is Odin? Mine is Gaia."

"I'll keep that in mind."

"I've been in this mission for too long. I'll be going back first."

It is a matter of gaining someone's approval. Cha Jun Sung did not show impatience. Since they have exchanged helper names and contact information, there will be another opportunity.

Woong!

Violet goes back. She ended with the party members on simple courtesies.

“We should go back too.”

“We have to do the game we didn’t get to do!”

Park Jin Hyuk is excited by the thought of the game and dances. They are going to start refraining from levels D and E. There is time before they make an attempt at level C.

‘Closed Area. We’ll have to recruit Violet by then, or get her help.’

600,000 points. The mutant they have to kill is top level 5, Caicus.



There is no such thing as an update in the game. When Life Mission was its virtual version, there were timely updates.

As it became reality, the element of it being a game and the updates disappeared together.

Woong!

The first change happened through the helpers without the Lifers knowing. Before application, it is a step that the operators need to take.

-[Currently, there are over 10,000 people who have opened level C missions. Application conditions established.]

-[Only level C Lifers who have achieved the conditions are updating... Update complete. Sending coordinate movement to Mechanic City. Dimensional gate off.]

The Lifers did not notice that something was going on with the PDAs. There was no difference when just looking at it.

As always, they looked through the store and then went into missions. From their point of view, the PDAs have not changed at all. Even when the application is complete.

Only a few people noticed the change. Only the Lifers who opened level C, whether it was with their abilities or tricks, felt the changes that happened to them.

-[Welcome, Lifers. You are now able to enter Mechanic City, where you will be able to rest and where the store headquarters will be.]

Even when they heard this notice, the people who opened level C were doubtful.

They were not sure this meant about the headquarters and Mechanic City. But it did not take them a long time to understand.

This is a revolution. Just like when Life Mission was revealed to the world in the virtual and reality versions, it brought a strong gust of wind over the world.

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“The hell...”

-[To put it simply, Mechanic City is a large public briefing room.]

Cha Jun Sung was speechless with Odin’s explanation and the new world opening up in front of him.

He had thought that nothing more in Life Mission could surprise him, but this was just an illusion. As the level goes up, there are things coming out that are beyond common sense.

A large city with an area of 2000km. It is larger than Korea’s Jeju Island. It is like looking 100 years into the future, full of things that they do not know of now.

It is too big to say that it is a city. It is the size of a small country.

After meeting Empress of Light, he accepted the changes while going through the PDA as usual while resting.

The path to Mechanic City is not hard. If they say that they want to go, the assigned helpers set the coordinates and open the gates. Since it is not a mission, they can go back whenever they want.

-[Extensive system. The human brain capacity can understand this concept at once. We will explain it whenever necessary.]

“I don’t have to understand everything. It’s like a city in Life Mission.”

It is a game. The only difference is that it is not connected to brainwaves like in the virtual, but has come over to the true body in reality. That is all he needs to know.

He will learn the parts of the extensive system over time. At times, it is easier to learn with the body than with the mind.

Cha Jun Sung looked around and thought, ‘So this is Mechanic City.’ The notepad does

not detail specific parts. It only gives an overview of the main points.

It does not lay everything out, but just things like 'Mechanic City opens when the number of Lifers who have opened level C reaches over 10,000.'

His surprise had been great even though he had already known about it, no matter how indirectly. So the average person would be dismayed.

"Without getting complicated, only explain the basics that I need to know immediately."

Even if he is going to get to know the basics by experiencing them, he cannot wander around this large city without knowing anything. He needs to at least know the basics.

-[Mechanic City is maintained by top level and special cyborgs, and the only living beings who can enter are only Lifers who have met the conditions.]

-[It is a city. There are residential buildings there, so Lifers can live there if they use up all of their points.]

It means that they could completely live in Life Mission. If they do not return to reality, they become people who do not exist there. It is similar to migration or immigration.

This is welcoming for people who want to live freely in Life Mission without entering missions through separate dimensions and going through a process.

-[All items from levels S through E are sold because it is the store headquarters, but entry is limited if the level is not met.]

The basic principles of level classification are the same. If the PDA is an internet shopping mall, Mechanic City is a department store. This alone gives it a different flavor.

"Are there any places that are restricted or off-limits to Lifers?"

-[As long as they do not try to go outside, there will be no sanctions.]

-[The levels will separate the restricted areas, so they are not specified. Do not worry because you will not be arrested or anything.]

Odin told him that Mechanic City is created as a dome. It is covered in an incredibly thick alloy, so they could not get out even if they wanted to.

Put nicely, it is a large city. Put in another way, it is an isolated area. There are no complaints. A 2000km area is perfect to become tired just by moving around.

[If any wares are damaged, Lifers must pay in corresponding points.]

It sounds like they are being told not to make a fuss, but that is not the only thing. It said that it would not become involved in any way in Lifers' PKs or disputes.

Lifers can do whatever they want as long as they do not cause damage to the city.

Cha Jun Sung left the outer area and went toward the city center. There is a skyscraper with dozens of floors. Even the architecture is all state-of-the-art.

The exterior is grand, but the quiet is reminiscent of a ghost town.

It opened today. There are 10,000 people entering. There will be more going forward, but it is large enough for millions of people to live in. It is lacking compared to the area.

On top of that, the 10,000 people were summoned to different locations and not everyone had been summoned. They do not know the geography, so they cannot meet even if they want to.

-[Jun Sung, where are you? This place is huge. What is this? We're like families that were separated or something.]

Park Jin Hyuk's voice comes out of the PDA. Where is he? How would he know. It is difficult to even choose a direction immediately. They are going wherever their steps lead them.

-[Cha Jun Sung, your location is zone A area 3. Exchanging locations with helper Zephyrus. Park Jin Hyuk is zone W area 2. The distance is 94km.]

Odin exchanged locations with Zephyrus. They are 94km apart. It would take days to meet by walking. If they get lost, there will be no end.

-[Since we're all separated, we should meet where Jun Sung is.]

-[Okay!]

-[Good!]

Kyoko made the suggestion. It is right for them to go to the leader. The locations have been identified due to the helpers. They just have to choose a place to meet and get to the area.



Moving is easy. There is mundane transportation as there is in reality. There are taxis, subways, and buses. As it is a quiet town, of course there are no Lifers.

There was no traffic because there were no people, so they were able to meet that much faster.

"I saw 2 people on my way here."

"Really?"

"Yes. We only talked for a moment and they said something about Spain, but they said they were a cadre of a large guild. They looked really confused too since they aren't used to all of this yet."

Park Jin Hyuk saw Lifers while he was walking around. They are all in the same situation so they did not ask each other anything and simply exchanged courtesies.

Cha Jun Sung, Kyoko, and Koharu in contrast, did not see any Lifers. Whatever they are doing and where they are hiding, they cannot be seen anywhere.

They do not have the thought that they need to meet others. It is just an observation.

When they were standing on the roadside, several heavily armed cyborgs passed them. They did not pay attention as though inanimate.

"Look how they're armed. They're holding all sorts of things. It's war setting."

Park Jin Hyuk looked at the passing cyborgs and whistled. Like he said, the cyborgs' arms are great enough to bring out admiration.

They seem to be the best. Their basic battling efficiency must be at least level 5. With that setting, they are estimated to be high level 5 or mid level 6.

“They need to do that much to prevent any Lifers’ unexpected behavior.”

“Is that right?”

“Imagine there’s someone making a fuss with a battlesuit on. They’ll need to beat them if they need to in order to calm them down. It’s a safety device to protect this city.”

-[You have guessed similarly. As there are more Lifers, there will be more cyborgs. Everything will be in proportion.]

Odin added on to Cha Jun Sung’s explanation. It is on speaker mode for the entire party to hear so that Park Jin Hyuk and the others could understand as well.

As the number of people entering increases, there will be weird people mixed in. If there is 1 crazy person in every 10,000, there will be 100 in 1 million people.

This is not the ultimate goal, but policing is one of the reasons for placing battle cyborgs. If they let their guards down, the city will fall into chaos.

“Well this is so sudden that I don’t know what we’re supposed to do first.”

“Since we’re here, let’s look around the city and find a place for us to stay. Once there’s an inflow of Lifers, there will be rapid changes to this place.”

It is empty and boring now, but say hundreds of people come gathering in. They will see the bizarre scenes they saw in the virtual version again.

They will be coming in and out constantly, and they cannot rule out the chance that they might stay long term. They need to select a good residence just in case that happens.

When there are more Lifers and an imbalanced supply and demand, Mechanic City would be occupied and they might have to stay in a cheap house.

“Let’s go there first.”

Cha Jun Sung pointed to the tremendous skyscraper. It is a mega tower, used as a place

to meet. Its other significance is the store.

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Park Jin Hyuk swallowed and walks around inside the mega tower as if it is his house. One floor has a tremendous amount of space and it is plastered in items.

The floors are separated so that some are level E and some are level D and C. They cannot go up to level B because the store has not been opened yet.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. There are hundreds of stores of this scale in Mechanic City, and each store has items that they sell.

If they want to buy the items that they want, they will need to go around to find them.

The more surprising thing is something that even shocks Cha Jun Sung. This will be the same with other Lifers.

“We can sell items we buy in Mechanic City to Lifers?”

-[That is right. As a privilege for level C Lifers, the PDA store is a solitary means but Mechanic City stores are enduring.]

-[They need to be items that you purchase because you have a purpose for it. Whether you purchased in store or from other Lifers.]

If they are careful, they can save on points. If they only buy what they need and then sell when it is time to replace, it will be a lot of help.

The helpers have already taken action in the case of abuse. They have made it so that they cannot go beyond a certain amount of points when selling items that they purchased.

They could benefit if they want to, but they cannot profiteer. If that condition is released, the purpose of Mechanic City disappears.

It is annoying for groups and a good thing for individuals like Cha Jun Sung.

“Wow! It’s really comfortable to see everything together after going through lists.”

It seemed mundane when they saw through their PDAs, but they now realized that there had been a lot of uncomfortable aspects to it.

They have nothing to buy, but there is fun in looking around. Honestly speaking, it is not that there is nothing they want to buy. There are, but they do not have enough points.

-[Time Limit: 8 million points, 1.6 million achievement.]

-[Explanation: Two hearts method. Since 2 energy cores are attached, the vibration strength will be multiplied. It boasts incredible cutting power, but you need to keep in mind that there is that much risk.]

It is the weapon that Cha Jun Sung favored when he was mid-level. The names are the same in the virtual and in reality.

Though it is included in the usual meaning and vibrating category, two heart activates 2 energy cores simultaneously and output is increased.

Overload – it is the perfect weapon for Cha Jun Sung.

Each of the party members stand in front of the weapon of their dreams and look on affectionately. This drought of points does not end no matter how much they gather.

‘Is there a way to use the city to gain points? I feel like there is.’

There is. Though it may take some time, there is a way. However, Odin did not tell him what it is. Lifers need to figure this part out for themselves.

10,000 gained entry into Mechanic City, but no one noticed it. It is because there is not a single Lifer who has a job related to it.

They do not have time to think about how to make money when they are busy trying to get used to the city.

But it is not that difficult. Access is easier than expected as well. The only difference is who is first, and Lifers will figure it out soon.

Once that method is revealed, there will be strife. As they advance to more favorable positions, they will have more influence in Mechanic City.

After looking around the store for several hours, Cha Jun Sung went to look for an apartment. If they want to stay in Mechanic City, they will need a place to stay.

He is not going to go back to reality for the time being. He needs to experience the happenings of this place in order to get used to it.

The party members also respected his decision and enjoyed it as though they had come on vacation. Everything they saw was novel and exciting.

“I thought it’d be extremely expensive, but it’s cheap to rent if we just lower our standards.”

Park Jin Hyuk looked through a stack of papers covered in complicated numbers.

It is the pricing of dwellings by zone and area. There is not a separate realtor, but the way to trade is not very different from their methods at home.

When they find the buildings that are up for purchase, there is a cyborg in charge of managing it. As long as they have the points, they can become the owners on the spot.

The basics are trading, charters, and rentals, and the points they need to pay are widely split by the location and size.

The zones are A through Z and there are 30 areas in each zone. There is no difference between zones, but the prices are more expensive as the area number is lower.

For example, zone W area 2 where Park Jin Hyuk was summoned is slightly better than zone A area 3 where Cha Jun Sung was summoned.

The area that Park Jin Hyuk is talking about is above area 25 – a neighborhood on the outskirts if compared with Seoul.

As areas 25 through 30 are cheap, they are lacking in amenities for Lifers.

They need to come out a far distance if they want to buy something without using the PDA. It needs to be at least area 20 for it to be a neighborhood that can be lived in.

Since they have figured out the usefulness of Mechanic City, they cannot decide on an apartment without thought. There are too many things that they need to consider before making a decision.

“We can’t ignore geographic factors. It’ll come into play a lot later.”

“I know that too. I’m just saying that we should start out easily because we don’t have enough points to overdo it and there aren’t very many competitors.”

They can get one room for a couple thousand points in cheap places on trading standards.

Since the prices get higher as the area goes lower, a small apartment or house in zone A area 3, where they are now, will cost tens of thousands of points.

Large ones will go from 500,000 to 1 million, and buildings reach over 2 million to 3 million. The mega tower with stores or buildings with dozens of floors are in the tens of millions.

As the price is higher, there are more benefits. There are so many that they cannot be listed.

“Odin, that building. Is it the place I’m thinking of in Life Mission?”

-[You are right. This is maintained on a system that is 100% in synchronization with the virtual version.]

The building that Cha Jun Sung is looking at is not that much smaller than the mega tower. It can be used as residence, but it is not a store.

Training Room.

It does not mean a gym or health center. It is a place for training where Lifers can virtually battle all types of mutants.

It plays as important a role as stores do to Lifers. It is something he had wished to see, but it was a new feeling to see it in reality.

“Let’s go there and then decide. Let’s each try it out while we’re there. Jin Hyuk, I’m pretty sure you haven’t seen this since it hasn’t been long since you joined Life Mission.”

The training room system only takes above level 5. This means that there is no information on levels 1 through 4. Park Jin Hyuk was in Life Mission for a shorter

period of time.

He would not have been able to gain entry in the short period of 1 year.

Koharu and Kyoko frequented it, so they only showed interest and did not get surprised. Cha Jun Sung and the party members walked over slowly.

Zing!

When they got to the entrance, the door opened automatically. A cyborg was waiting at the counter. There is no greeting to welcome the guests.

The cyborg explained concisely. There are many ways to get season passes, but Cha Jun Sung's group only got a one-day pass.

They received cards that would allow them to deal with levels 5 and 6 for a day. The price is 20,000 points – expensive for a one-day pass, but it is worth trying out.

Cha Jun Sung's group went into a large space that the cyborg led them to.

Physical examinations would soon be starting. They will need to create characters if they want to go into virtual battle and in order to do that, they need to quantify Lifers' physical abilities.

Everyone except Park Jin Hyuk was used to it. Bizarre machines measured their muscular strength, health, and speed, and had all of their gear inspected as well.

The examination ended after about 1 hour. It did not take too long.

They left the examination room and went to the rooms written on each of their cards. They can fight as a party, but they decided to experience it separately.

The training room in zone A area 3 is empty as Cha Jun Sung's group is the only people there. In a few months, it will be packed with Lifers.

If people use tricks like riding buses, they can get to level C. They just cannot get over to level B through the level C advance mission because they will be held back by contribution.

The room provided a pleasant space for people to stay in. It is like a luxury apartment.

He can see a wide space that leads into the room on the right.

It is blocked with a glass door and there is a card reader.

Woong!

-[Card scan, one-day pass confirmed. Entry into training room allowed.]

It is a dark atmosphere. It is normally like this. It is easier to concentrate in a dark space than in a bright area. It has been created so that Lifers can concentrate.

There is a cushioned chair in the middle of the room with a helmet. It is the gear that makes the virtual battle possible.

Beep beep!

Cha Jun Sung put the helmet on, sat on the chair, and saw a large hologram pull up in front of him. There is a selection of many level 5 and 6 mutants and maps.

“Search, Caicus.”

A list of hundreds of mutants is only dizzying.

One day is not a generous amount of time. It is obvious that he will lose to a level 6, and it is better to choose a particular type of level 5 instead of looking through all of them.

-[Searching Caicus... Search complete. Please select details.]

Just as people have different physical conditions, there is a difference between mutants of the same species. It is telling him to choose between whether he will fight with a weak one or a strong one.

The Caicus is 9 to 10 meters tall and has 100 times the muscular strength of humans. There are many other surprising aspects about it, but this is the basic form.

If he chooses one with the highest specifications, it will be like a top level 5.

“Start with a weak one.”

He will start out easy. Cha Jun Sung honestly did not think that he could win if facing it off one-on-one. They will be similar or he will be disadvantaged.

Winning? It is important. If he wants to complete the mission, he will need to kill the strongest mutant that appears in that mission.

But that is the case when going through a mission in real life. Right now, it is more important to focus on understanding the Caicus than it is to win.

He fought it countless times in the virtual, but he cannot become arrogant. If this happens, everything he creates in the future will collapse.

“Let’s have fun for one day, today.”

He will put his entire body into it since there is no danger of dying.

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Bang!

A pole pulled out fully hits the center of Cha Jun Sung's battlesuit.

Since there is a lot of strength nested in it, the impact itself is that of several tons. The outer armor strengthened, but the chest and stomach parts were destroyed.

Bang bang bang!

Cha Jun Sung flew back 100 meter and went through a couple buildings.

-[Battlesuit 78% damaged. Urgent care not possible because damage rate is too high! Fracture in left wrist, fracture in sternum and 3 right ribs, danger of organ rupture.]

This did not happen with one hit. The damages accumulated as they battled, and the battlesuit's energy fell.

"Ugh... It's strong."

Cha Jun Sung forced his trembling hand and stood up.

There is no pain because it is a virtual battle, but the system places constraints so that the parts with problems cannot function properly. He is a wreck right now.

He tried to balance himself by putting his right hand on the wall.

The battlesuit on his left arm is bent into a deformed shape. Imagine what it looks like inside. If this were real, his skin would have ripped and been coming out.

A 13m tall monster walks toward Cha Jun Sung. He is inside a building, but the system tells them whether or not an enemy is alive.

If this were reality, it would have realized instinctively. This virtual battle does not end until one side dies. Looking at the situation, it seems like Cha Jun Sung will die.

It was wounded during battle and there is blood flowing from all over its body. A part of its thigh has been dug out deeply and a white bone shows.

It still looks to be in much condition than Cha Jun Sung is in all aspects.

Bang bang!

The monster used its arms that are as though they are made of thousands of iron bars to sweep away the building that Cha Jun Sung was in.

The Caicus and Cha Jun Sung met eyes with the Caicus looking on in arrogance at its opponent and Cha Jun Sung in anger.

Its yellow teeth come out through its teeth. Of similar level mutants, it is a level 5 Caicus until its genes go through variation.

It is a head and a half taller than the average. It is also that much larger and its muscles are thicker. Its physical ability has only strengthened by 50%, but it has Cha Jun Sung at its mercy.

He fought for a few hours with a weak Caicus of about 9m. A mid level? He barely won against it. He raised the level of difficulty little by little.

As expected, he was at a disadvantage against a Caicus at average level. It is too much to take on alone, but he would be able to handle 2 of them if he works with Koharu or Park Jin Hyuk.

Cha Jun Sung took his helmet off in frustration and spit out blood. It is virtual, but it is as detailed as though it were reality. Every single detail was given attention.

There is no clear reason for his fighting with a top level. He has 5 hours before his time in the training room is over and he just wanted to try it out on a whim.

As a result, he is being beaten up. He did not take it lying down though. Overload's pride would not allow for that.

Bang!

He squeezed the remaining energy in the battle core and advanced to the front of the Caicus' face. All it takes is 1 second to go a distance of 13m.

The Caicus took a step back and tried to grab at him. It was attacked by this type of trick multiple times and was wounded. But Cha Jun Sung was expecting that as well.

Bang!

The booster burst for a moment and pushed his body forward. The big hand grabs at the air. Cha Jun Sung is already on the Caicus' right side.

"This is a body hit with all of my soul in it."

All 6 of the boosters on his body were activated and he became a fist, striking the Caicus' unprotected face.

The impact was large and the Caicus falls over. It is the perfect opportunity to leave a mortal wound. He would have taken this chance if he had his Wolf Kill, but that had already been destroyed.

Bang!

"Damn..."

When the Caicus fell over, it swiped at Cha Jun Sung as though swatting a fly. He was embedded in the concrete ground with the tremendous hit.

-[Damage rate of battlesuit 97%, virtual blackout, body fractures, organ ruptures, fatal injuries beyond regeneration. You worked hard.]

This notification is not from Odin. It is an artificial intelligence appointed by the training system. Odin is in the real battlesuit.

"I lost."

Kung!

The Caicus gets up and roars. It beats its chest with both arms like a gorilla. It is a kind of victory performance for beating a strong opponent.

It lifts a large foot. It is big enough to cover Cha Jun Sung. It is going stomp him to death. It is virtual, but he still feels annoyed that he has been put in such a situation.

“I’ll be back.”

Cha Jun Sung is flattened. The battlesuit is completely destroyed, and his blood and guts come flinging out. He was logged out of the training.



It will be the case anywhere in the empty Mechanic City, but there is no end to the quiet in zone D area 29.

No Lifers were to be seen and only a couple cyborgs wandered around.

Finding a needle in a haystack is used when something is really unlikely. That is the probability of Lifers running into each other in Mechanic City.

Zones separated by the alphabet and 30 areas of subdivisions.

The helpers said that each letter is for a population of million people like a large city. Even if they are separated into areas, the fact that it is of an enormous scale does not change.

It is weird to run into other Lifers and normal not to. However, probabilities are just a simple numbers game unless it is 0%.

A blue dagger slashes the throat of a Lifer. It is a vibrating weapon. Since the metal armor has been deactivated, the impact tights’ defense is not enough to block it.

The carotid is cut and blood pours out. The Lifer clutches at his throat.

He cannot breathe and his body grows heavier. He still did not die.

It is an effect of his body modification. As it strengthens everything else about him, it also increases his vitality. He can be treated if he puts medicine on it or is treated in the briefing room.

That is why he did not let go of his life line even though he was dying. How could he let go when he is in such a great world? It is unfair and makes him angry.

The vibrating dagger goes into the Lifer’s head. The brain, one of the most important organs, is penetrated. He cannot live. As proof, his pupils become cloudy.

-[You have earned 110,000 points and 1000 achievement points.]

“Wow! 110,000? This is jackpot. This punk must have been preparing for the 4th stage of body modifications.”

He had been lucky. It means that the Lifer had 1.1 million points. He would have been a Lifer who could go up to level C if he just gathered a little more.

“He he! This yellow monkey gave me 70,000 too.”

“Oh? That’s jackpot. So it was 180,000 combined?”

The first PK upon entering Mechanic City had been 180,000 points.

The murderers lick their lips. It is rare to find a Lifer in this place. The 2 people killed just now had really been found by chance.

There had been 1 person at first. He was going to attack but decided to wait because the Lifer might call out for a friend. Since another person came out when he waited, they decided to share.

There are a lot of points because they have opened level C. They want to catch as many of them as they can, but there are none to be seen. It is a pity, but they’ll leave it here.

“Huh?”

“What?”

“Hey, that’s a Lifer over there, right? A woman? Wow! Good! She’s beautiful.”

One of the murderers detected a beautiful woman walking on a street hundreds of meters away. It is thanks to his 4th stage of body modifications.

“Are there more?”

“I don’t think so. Should we wait?”

“No! Don’t wait it out and let’s just attack. That kind of girl is going to have a lot of relationships with men.”

He has never seen a pretty woman who does not do her face's worth. The murderers decided not to wait. The guild members are all far away.

They somehow killed well this time, but it would take some time for everyone to gather. If they are outnumbered, they could reap damages instead of killing the opponent.

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“What is this? Tsk!”

Violet walked around the exhaustively large Mechanic City and complained. She came because it was opened, but there is nothing to do.

She is smart. She realized the usefulness of this place when she was listening to the explanation from her helper, Gaia.

“What is this man doing that he isn’t picking up? He doesn’t seem to be ignoring me from his reaction, but should I have taken note of everyone else’s helper names as well?”

While Violet was roaming the city, Cha Jun Sung was wrestling the Caicus in the training room.

Whenever Violet has Gaia request contact with Odin, they only get the message ‘He is not in a state to pick up at the moment. Please try again later.’

Violet only knows Cha Jun Sung’s helper name. If she had asked for Park Jin Hyuk’s as well, she would not be so frustrated.

-[Miss, where are you? The family elites are scattered.]

-[I’m in zone D area 29, but I’m crossing into area 28 if I walk a little more.]

-[Hm... That’s 76km away from where I am. We all exchanged locations. If you let us know where you are as well, we will go find you.]

The man who contacted her is one of the cadres from her family. He watched her grow up, so there is a lot of trust.

She looked around, found a fairly prominent building, and relayed its name with her coordinates. He said that with a generous amount of time, he would arrive in 1 or 2 hours.

Violet plopped down on the stairs at the entrance to the building. It is full of an artificial smell. There is not even a single ant.

This is in reference to real ants. There are a lot of things like trees, but no life. This is excessive cleanliness. There is bound to be aversiveness if something is too perfect.

“What little rat is watching me? Ugh, all things with dicks are the same.”

Violet curses. She is not so crude that she would curse upon a first meeting, but she cannot help it if someone is watching her in hiding.

Though she tries to think about it positively, she cannot find good intent.

“The pretty chick has a pretty mouth too.”

“Ke ke.”

“Ugh... I’m too fed up with this to even get angry. I’m sure you won’t listen to me anyway, but I’ll give you a chance. Just get lost. Then, I’ll let you live.”

2 Lifers creep out from the corner of the building Violet is sitting in front of. They are murderers. She scratched the floor with the spear in her hand.

She only scratched the surface slightly, but the stone is chipped and powder flies. It is a demonstration of force. The murderers realized that she is as powerful as she speaks.

To enter Mechanic City, one has to go through buses or be really skilled. They must have met the latter, though they do not know that she is the Empress of Light.

‘Is she for real?’

‘She doesn’t show surprise. And she’s relaxed. Her skill must be real. But there are 2 of us. If we have equivalent specifications, numbers can’t be underestimated.’

He is not wrong. If their specifications are the same, numbers will be the determining factor. They could not even guess that Violet has a battlesuit.

It is a given. There are not even 40 people all over the world with battlesuits.

Though not exact, there is a lot of credible information if they go looking for it in Lifer World. When combined, they can paint a picture.

From what they know, there are only 4 women who have battlesuits. The rest are all men, and they are all eminent rankers.

There could be more, but they did not think that it would be right in front of their eyes.

Visually, metal armors do not look very different from battlesuits unless examined carefully. Of course, it is noticeable if someone has a really good eye.

“You seem to be pretty skilled, but you think you can handle 2 of us?”

When fighting with a female Lifer, they need to see her as a Lifer and not a woman. If she is proficient in using weapons and has gone through body modifications, she cannot be seen as a woman.

“Fuck! You’ll die? I could take 200 guys like you – no – is 200 too much? I could take 20, you dimwits.”

Violet quickly corrected herself after she said 200. If there are 200 people who have gone through 4th stage of body modifications, she cannot win even with a battlesuit.

“Crazy bitch! Will you be able to say that even after I have you flattened out under me?”

“What? Crazy bitch?”

Violet bolted up, using her spear as a cane. She likes the name Empress of Light, but does not like it when people call her Crazy Bitch.

She would fight even a similar level ranker said it, but this nobody is saying it.

“I won’t kill you guys. Instead, I’ll cut your balls off.”

The spear creates wind pressure. It is a bother, but she had been bored and she now has a toy to play with. She will play with them until the family elites arrive.

“He he! Don’t worry. We don’t intend to kill you right away either.”

“What a load of bullshit!”

Woong!

Violet wore her battlesuit. She was already wearing it, but she had deactivated the outer shell for comfort and had decreased the volume as much as possible.

It had been more difficult to determine because she had put her helmet away.

“What!”

“Battlesuit!”

“Shut up. You’re being noisy.”

Violet put her spear forward and attacked. It is time to cut their balls off.



“Who are these guys?”

“I was alone when they said that they would flatten me under them, so I cut their balls off.”

Bolton of the Florence clan, who aids Violet, covers their lower bodies from view with his hand. The 98 Lifers behind him did the same.

The murderers’ metal armors are deactivated, crying with the whites of their eyes showing. They realize their situations even though they have gone out of their minds.

“This tattoo?”

“I saw it too. They’re members of a PK guild from North America. I tried to get information from them, but they’re such underlings that they don’t know anything.”

There is a red devil tattooed on the back of the murderers’ hands, indicating that they are members of the Blood Kingdom guild in North America.

They are mostly active in North America, but they will go anywhere where there are Lifers. There are traces of them in England as well.

They are evil people who do not discriminate with their PKs in mission and reality. They have gotten to the point where the Queen put Weapon Master Brayburke into action.

There is frequent friction with the Florence clan as well. They can guess who the leader of Blood Kingdom is. There is suspicion, but no evidence.

Brayburke told them that Dark Side and Hell Sword contacted each other. Bad habits die hard and like minds go around together in reality as well.

Bolton gave a nod. It is a command to get rid of the murderers who take part in disgusting actions. A few Lifers stepped forward and dragged them away.

They did not come forward randomly. The Lifers who were worthy of gaining points came out. If they kill the murderers, they will earn at least 100,000 points.

“It’s quiet. It looks like a modern city of the future, but there is no humanity.”

“Right?”

It is what all of the Lifers are thinking. The members need to embrace this novelty before they can get used to it.

“Gaia. Is there still no word from him?”

-[There is a dialog signal. If you would like to connect, you may do it now.]

“Wow! Finally!”

Violet smiled brightly and was so happy she could jump up and down. Bolton knows the basics of what is going on because he heard from her. She is going to meet the person who saved her life.

“Hurry up and connect us!”

-[Sending Odin a request to connect... Request complete. You are being connected with Cha Jun Sung.]



Cha Jun Sung lost in a virtual battle against a top level 5 Caicus. It is a dreamlike virtual battle, but there is one thing that he realized for certain.

He decided that the level C store would not be able to handle level 6, much less the top of level 5. For the sake of safety, 2 people need to combine their strength to take on a mid-level 5 as well.

Even if he purchases weapons and sets supporting gear, he could risk his life to get through the advance mission but the problem is what comes after that.

He does not dwell on his defeat. If he is lacking somewhere, he can gather it. If he loses confidence because he lost in the virtual version, it will be hard for him to concentrate in Life Mission.

Cha Jun Sung came out of the training room and decided on a residence in zone A area 25 after much thought. It was a trade for 10,000 points.

The building is clean but it is not to his liking. It is geographically uncomfortable.

He wants to get a place near the training room and mega tower, but that costs too much. There is a slow influx of Lifers, so it is overflowing in commercial spaces.

It will be good to watch the situation and gather points before moving.

His party members left finding the residence to him and were completely encompassed by the training room. Park Jin Hyuk in particular said that it was like doing a raid in the game.

“But Odin, can we sell this house again later? This is technically an item that I bought in Mechanic City.”

-[... You can sell it.]

Odin’s voice is strangely slow. It is like when people are hesitating to say something and have no choice but to say it in the end.

“Oh! For how much? Items in the store are blocked well so there can’t be any profiteering.”

-[... There isn't.]

“What are you talking about? Say it properly. Why are you acting weird?”

[There is no limit.]

“Huh?”

[Store products are infinite because they can be created in factories as long as we have the materials, but there is a limited number of buildings in Mechanic City.]

Cha Jun Sung thought hard. He never learned real estate, but higher education is emphasized in Korea and he is a college graduate.

“They’re limited? The price is decided on when first buying from a cyborg, but that disappears when going over to Lifers?”

-[Yes.]

Scarcity. Imagine millions of Lifers enter Mechanic City. They will surely try to find a residence, won't they?

There is a lot of demand, but if there is a supply cap? There will be auctions and price wars.

Even in reality, there are people with useless pieces of land who suddenly become rich. There is no reason why this cannot happen in Mechanic City.

“That’s a scam. If it’s going to be like this, you should have blocked real estate like you did with the items.”

It is an advantageous system for Lifers who have entered groups.

If large scale personnel hoard them and then sell to other Lifers at an expensive price, the profiteering system the helpers blocked becomes pointless.

“I don’t think you guys would have done this without thought. Why is it like this?”

-[It is to increase efficiency.]

“Efficiency?”

[What are you going to do if there is something you want to buy but don't have enough points for?]

What would he do? He would have to go through missions and gather points.

Cha Jun Sung understood right away. It means that if he wants something that is scarce and finite, he needs to catch a lot of mutants.

If he just advances and gathers the points, he can purchase an item in the store at any time. Odin is emphasizing the difference in value.

There are a lot of people in the game who invest millions of dollars to acquire a look set that changes appearance with all types of options.

Helpers used the human psychology that they want to look better than they actually are.

That is why there is no restriction on real estate as there is on items. They are to choose the one of the two that is more satisfying to them.

“Large guilds will take over.”

-[Whether it is with items or real estate, there is no way to prevent the flow of it. If you feel iffy about it, you can make a group too.]

Make a group? He is averse to it. He cannot manage it. People have a temperament for that as well. He needs to have the talent for it and Cha Jun Sung is hopeless on that end.

There is a point to what Odin is saying as well. Everything gets stronger as they gather and as there are more. Even on Earth where money reigns over points, groups are at an advantage.

Even if Mechanic City did not function with relation to the current system, groups have more influence than individuals do in this place.

Anyone with a complaint forms groups. If not, they stay silent like Cha Jun Sung does. There is a gap between the powerful and those who are not in any world.

“I’ll just ask one thing. Are there any restrictions? Can you dominate Mechanic City as long as you have the points and achievement points? That can’t be it, can it?”

-[There is a limit to how much real estate a Lifer can own by class.] [The zone does not matter, but it is different based on the area and the scale of the constructed building.]

Cha Jun Sung massaged his forehead. He understands what Odin is saying. It is just that trying to accept it makes his head hurt.

Beep beep!

The PDA blinks. It is something that happens when the request for a call comes in. There is no reason for it to be the party members. It must be Gaia.

-[Shall we pick up this time?]

“Yeah.”

When Cha Jun Sung ended the training and came out, Odin told him that Gaia had requested contact. He did not call back however.

He is testing her out. The person who wants it more will call. Cha Jun Sung is actually in a rush, but it looks like Violet is clinging more because he saved her life.

-[Look here! How is it impossible to get in contact with you for half a day? Are you ignoring me on purpose?]

As soon as the PDA was connected, Violet attacked Cha Jun Sung. She has a hot temper. It is a relief that she did not curse at him.

-[I’m sorry. I was in the training room until now and must not have seen it.]

It is not a lie. It is 90% truth. Excluding the one time he ignored her call when he came outside, he really had not been in a situation to pick up.

-[Mechanic City has that? The training room in Life Mission?]

-[Fascinating, isn’t it?]

This place is as if the large city of Life Mission has been moved here. Cha Jun Sung

thought that it is fascinating. It is because they thought the same.

-[That's good. I was uneasy about facing some, but you asked me to join your party, right? I'll join on some conditions.]

-[What are they?]

-[If you win me, the Empress of Light, I'll lend the party my spear.]

Cha Jun Sung was silent. Empress of Light, 3rd place ranking. In Life Mission, 1st through 10th places of the 36 rankers are the truly skilled people and the rest are just fillers.

Even within the top 10, the classification is split again into 1st through 5th and 6th through 10th.

In the virtual, he pushed Weapon Master and Blood King back with upgrades like bizarre items, skills, and the 10th stage of body modifications.

All he has now is a basic battlesuit and a bag of vibrating weapons. He cannot guarantee that he can beat her or other weak rankers.

He was not sure what Violet was saying, but he is averse because she is saying that she wants to fight. Weapons are for destruction.

-[Very well. If you tell me your location, I will go look for you with our party members.]

-[I'm in zone D area 29. First, come to zone D. There isn't a training room in this area. I think I'll need to move to a top area.]

Cha Jun Sung entered zone D in his PDA. The distance is automatically calculated. It is pretty far. He will be able to get there quickly because the road is empty.

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After calling Cha Jun Sung, Violet and her clan cadres went to zone D area 5. Training rooms are in the top areas 1 through 5.

It is weird for 100 people to be moving together, but number of Lifers they come across could be counted on their fingers. Everyone is busy, so they do not acknowledge each other.

-[Targets are moving to zone D area 5. Current location is area 6.]

-[Did you say that it's 1 force, 100 people?]

-[Yes!] [The woman wearing a battlesuit killed 2 guild members with a spear?]

A Lifer follows Violet while communicating with his supervisor. He saw his colleagues have their balls cut off with his own eyes.

He was hidden in a far away place, so he was out of the battlesuit's range.

-[That's right.]

-[So we meet Empress of Light here. Does this mean that all 36 rankers will meet in Mechanic City? How fun. Is it a reappearance of those days?]

The person speaking to a murderer of Blood Kingdom is Hell Sword.

He, Dark Side, and Makung, newly recruited by Falvi Blood from China, are residing in the city with hundreds of guild members.

They had been wondering why they had lost connection with 2 of the guild members, but it was figured out. They had been hunting Empress of Light, but had themselves been hunted down. It is an inevident outcome.

-[Goal, entry to area 5.]

-[We'll be there soon. Be careful you don't get caught, and quickly report anything

that's off.]

Hell Sword intends to take care of Empress of Light. They need to get rid of any rankers who do not join them early on.

If he had been alone, he would have planned while taking the risks into account. But there are 3 rankers here including himself, and she is only one.

No matter how strong Empress of Light is, she cannot take on 3 rankers.

The murderer hid himself even more upon Hell Sword's command. He only focuses on the role assigned to him. All he needs to do is watch the opponent's actions.



Violet waits for Cha Jun Sung in front of the training room. She sent him her coordinates. The clan's cadres gather somewhere and rest.

If Blood Kingdom is active in Mechanic City, acting alone is dangerous unless at ranker level. To be precise, rankers are in danger as well.

It is the same here and there – groups are at more of an advantage than individuals are. It seems like something, but the need to go along with it.

“Wow! All of the houses in such a large city are all empty.”

“Why?”

“Isn't the family focusing on Life Mission these days? I thought about how it would be if the clan established a chapter here.”

With more incoming personnel, it will become a city made for Lifers.

As more people gather, the commercial will develop and there will be money. This is where points come out. It is possible to hold deals with items purchased in Mechanic City.

If they could see into the future... It is beneficial to gain area.

“I was thinking the same thing, but you said it first. Suggest it during the clan meeting.

There's nothing to lose, so they will allow it. I'll push for you if they oppose it."

"I'll trust you, Miss Violet, and speak up a bit to the elders."

Violet is one of the heirs to the Florence clan. A woman cannot become the head, but her talents are so remarkable that she breaks tradition.

There is no heir in the clan with more influence than Violet has. The 98 cadres who entered Mechanic City were basically raised by her and Bolton.

It is possible if the two of them put their power together. If they come to know that there is no limit to the real estate here, they will go at it without restriction.

Superiors and subordinates will be divided by force according to occupancy.

There are only a few Lifers who know this information, including Cha Jun Sung. It is information that is easy to come by, but the helpers do not tell them first.

-[Light purple eyes... The beautiful Empress of Light's trademark.]

While Violet and Bolton were in discussion, Hell Sword's group narrowed the encirclement. Violet and Benson did not notice because they were moving secretly.

The cyborgs knew this but did not say anything. As long as they do not create problems for the city, they do not interfere in Lifers' fights.

"What is that?"

"What?"

"That faint light reflecting from the glass. What's in that direction?"

A Lifer in the clan looks at the building with outer walls of glass. He felt like he could see a faint shape projecting from the glass and moving.

His colleagues focus on the glass. As the shape became clearer, they could tell that it is Lifers just like them. But there is something strange.

It does not look like they are moving from inside. It looks like they are stuck to the walls. Mirrors act in reverse from reality for a shape like that to come out.

“Holy shit!”

“Damn it!”

The Lifers created a circle. It is to watch the surroundings while protecting Violet and Bolton. They both felt that something was off as well.

Violet prepares for battle from the center of the circle. The clan’s cadres are trustworthy, but there is no better shield than the battlesuit in this situation.

Hundreds of murderers show themselves from their hiding places. It seems they have been targeted because of the guys they killed earlier.

“Blood Kingdom – this trash dare crawl out in front of me?”

Wiing!

The weapon’s vibrating function is turned on and creates a strong vibration. There are a lot of them, but they can win if they stand at the front and their subordinates support them from behind.

“I’ll make you regret it.”

-[70% of battle core deployed. Booster output rate 70%. Scanning the field.]

Bang!

Violet’s body goes up into the air. Her flying body with the long spear pointed out in front of her is reminiscent of a sharpshooter’s arrow.

“It’s been a while, Empress of Light.”

“What?”

Violet turned her spear at the sound she heard from the side. Vibrating weapons collide and the silence in Mechanic City broke.

The power of the first violent collision is similar. Neither pushed forward or were pushed back.

“Are you... Red Paint?”

“You recognized me right away?”

“You’re the only person who would dye proper gear red, you idiot!”

Bang!

Violet pretended to recollect her spear, and jabbed at Hell Sword’s side with the handle. Hell Sword strengthened the battlesuit’s wrist and blocked it.

“Ke ke! You still underestimate others.”

“Shut up!”

Bang bang bang bang!

It is a dogfight. The Lifers only watched the two of them fight, and did not willingly get involved. But this flow does not seem like it will last. Because...

“You really are lively.”

Bang bang!

The bowstring that seems to be tied up in wire becomes taut. The Lifer aiming a bow at Violet from the building roof is Makung of the 36 rankers.

He is the only ranker who deals with bows. He is an expert in ranged combat and is also proficient in sniping. That does not mean he is weak in close range combat though.

Ping!

The arrow surpasses the speed of sound. The arrow arrives before the sound does.

Violet broke away. The battlesuit’s search caught a danger signal. But Hell Sword did not leave her alone.

He approached Violet who was trying to avoid it and hit her head with the back of his sword. Her body plummeted to the ground from the impact.

Violet activates the booster right before colliding, and settles herself on the road. There is another one. The one shooting arrows.

“Makung is here too? You’re the only one to use such weird arrows.”

Makung smiles. His arrows do not look like normal arrows. They are semi-automatic sniper rifles that are masked in all types of gear to look like arrows.

“Are you here to get revenge?”

“We were just going to send the kids but the guild member watching you sent us a description of you. And what do you know? It’s Empress of Light. So the three of us came.”

“...Three?”

Violet felt something wrap around her neck and moved her body backwards. A giant scythe swept by where her neck had been.

“Long time no see.”

“Dark Side! Oh, these crazies!”

Dark Side, ranking 8th. He has the second most evil reputation for PKs after Blood King. It is a horrible situation for Violet since even he is here.

‘Can’t he come quickly?’

She was hoping for Cha Jun Sung to come.

Chapter 119

Clang!

An explosion? No. It is the thin sound of metals colliding.

With an eye for it, there is no way not to recognize it. A fight among Lifers. With this kind of ringing, it must be between people with battlesuits.

As soon as Cha Jun Sung heard the sound, he raised the car used for transportation. He had already entered area 5 and he was close to where the sounds are coming from.

There is a saying that one can die from being hit with a rock from out of sight. If he is swept into the battle by forcing himself in, he must hit from inside. If he wants to handle it, he needs to move with ease.

“It seems like they’re making a big mess. Oy! Look at the air shake.”

Bang bang bang!

Park Jin Hyuk stirs the air with his hand. They are not tangible, but there are weak waves lingering in front of their eyes. They are fighting vigorously.

‘Area 5, battlesuit. It can’t be Ms. Violet, can it?’

There is a possibility. Then the opponent? She is rude but is not the type to provoke a fight randomly off of the street. She is guarded where she needs to be.

“Kyak!”

Bang!

It is a woman’s scream. Cha Jun Sung changed his battlesuit into combat mode and kicked off the ground. A crack formed in the concrete and he shot forward like a bullet.

-[You have damaged an asset in Mechanic City. Will you detract 150 points? If you do not, you could receive a penalty.]

-[I'll leave an automatic deduction system on. That is much more comfortable.]

The former is a warning sent to Cha Jun Sung by Mechanic City and the latter is from Odin.

-[If you cause damage, you can cancel cyborgs before they start moving with points. The deductions also increase with the amount of damage caused.]

With current circumstances, Odin leaves out all of the explanation and gets to the point. He is being straightforward in saying that he needs to pay as many points as the damage he causes.

However, Cha Jun Sung sees it as a big restriction. It is not as easy as it sounds.

All he had done was create a crack by kicking off from the ground, and it had cost him 150 points. If he crashes into a building and creates a hole, it must cost several thousands.

It is not just a couple hundred or a couple thousand. It is a gamble. It stacks up. If the fighting continues and he keeps accumulating penalties, it could easily get to several tens of thousands of points.

“They’re really using their heads. So this is how they’re going to absorb points?”

It is like this in games as well. To try and recover the overwhelming amount of gold that Cha Jun Sung had in a game he enjoyed in his youth, they had created legitimate contents.

It is the foul intention not to leave them alone to gather points as they wish to.

As people gather, there are bound to be arguments. Squabbles between Lifers do not end with throwing fists. They are knife fights with their lives on the line.

The more the battles are cutthroat, the more severe damages will be and that is how much more they can take in points from Lifers. It is an incredibly smart move.

Cha Jun Sung jumped over the 5 floor building blocking him in one try. The booster extended his holding time and helped him look over the battlefield.

Empress of Light is being pushed back by Lifers holding a large scythe and sword.

Cha Jun Sung changes his direction while in the air. A steel arrow narrowly passed by his chest.

It is so powerful that it penetrated through the floor so far that it disappeared from view.

It seems he discovered Cha Jun Sung because he is in a high place. He thought that she was fighting 2 to 1, but the Empress of Light is fighting against 3 people with battlesuits.

-[Calculating path of attack... Calculation complete! Currently moving.]

Pew pew!

Odin tracks the road. The tracking does not work because the location changes every time he moves. The battlesuit's tracking is for prevention before something happens.

-[Jin Hyuk, go get him.]

-[Ok.]

Bang!

Park Jin Hyuk changed his direction as he was following Cha Jun Sung. He looked for a good place to snipe while holding his Head Hunter and watching for attacks.

He did not stay in the same place either, and kept moving. The difference between him and the enemy is that he reduces the distance while moving.

If he cannot stop the advance, they will be allowed to go all the way to the front.

-[Koharu and Kyoko, go help the Lifers on Violet's side. You can differentiate between them, right?]

Lifers of Blood Kingdom and the Florence clan are mixed together. They seem to have similar skills, but there is an incredible difference numerically.

-[I'll leave the wounded to you.]

-[Sure!]

Koharu took out her twin daggers and went into the vicious melee. She stabs at shoulders and thighs, and slices the side and cuts muscles.

Rather than kill the opponents, Koharu focused on assisting allies who are in trouble everywhere. She also took lives when she got the chance to.

PK, there is no hesitation in attacking Lifers. She is experienced.

In the beginning of the reality version, she gained hostility while going through missions with men. The human nature that comes out in an isolated world is similar to that of a beast's.

She killed dozens of people before she met Cha Jun Sung in Slayer's Prison. She did not tell him, but Kyoko is not that innocent either.

In the reality version, the things that men and women see and experience are very different.

"Fuck! Where did she come from!"

Koharu approached the cursing murderer, slit his throat, and quietly disappeared. He spewed bubbles of blood and collapsed.

Kyoko used the battlesuit's ability to pull the injured out from the battlefield.

The Florence clan was weary of Koharu's group, which had appeared so suddenly, but let their guard down once they realized that they are facing the same opponents and are allies.

Furthermore, one of them is heading to Violet who is cornered on the defensive. It is an emergency situation where they do not know when they might fall. They hope that these people are their salvation.



"What are those guys?"

"We'll concentrate and take care of Empress of Light first. There's a tail on Makung as well."

Hell Sword frowns at Dark Side. Everything had been going as expected when gate crashers had gotten involved. They no longer have Makung's support sniping.

He is not responding to the radio either. He is putting all of his concentration on getting rid of the tail. It is as though he is engaging with an enemy he cannot take for granted.

'There are 2 there, 1 with Makung, and... '

"1 on top."

Dark Side and Hell Sword looked up at the sky and retreated more quickly from Empress of Light than they had come at her. Someone is falling on them.

Bang!

Debris flies from the impact of falling. Cha Jun Sung used his concentration to hit away the fragments with his Wolf Kill. Each one is a bullet.

Ping ping ping ping!

Clang clang!

An anomalous attack. Dark Side brandished the scythe in large movements to clear big fragments while Hell Sword took care of the small pieces going for the center.

"I've lost 800 points."

Cha Jun Sung is complaining. He will not be able to fight in the city because he is scared to. Whenever he does anything, it costs him several hundred points. Those ruthless operators.

"Are you okay?"

"Thank you. You said that you lost 800 points? I lost 350,000 points because of those assholes! I'm going to kill them, whatever it takes!"

The area is chaotic. It has been completely devastated. The attractive streets of Mechanic City had been reduced to junk.

Cha Jun Sung only caused a little damage on his way to Violet, but she has lost a

tremendous amount of points because she was outright fighting.

“We’re the same. The points that the 3 of us lost will be over 1 million.”

“Shut your mouth!”

Violet glares. She does not care how many points assholes like them lose. They are disgusting murderers who brought the fight first.

Dozens of Lifers the clan brought up and with whom she had affection for, had already died. With her nature, it is impossible not to be angry.

Knock knock.

Cha Jun Sung pat Violet’s shoulder and squinted at Dark Side and Hell Sword. He did not recognize Hell Sword.

“Dark Side.”

“You know me? Who are you?”

But he did recognize Dark Side. There are not very many Lifers who have large scythes. The weapon itself is a subculture.

No matter how much this is a 2 to 1 battle, Violet has been driven to the defensive. When he thinks that they are rankers at the same level, the suspects are narrowed to one.

“Are you Chamma Sword?”

Hell Sword spoke while looking over the Wolf Kill in Cha Jun Sung’s hand. Asian, a heavy sword. The matching character is China’s Chamma Sword.

“Huh? You don’t remember? 2 years ago, Northern Asian, Cerberus raid.”

Dark Side’s pupils expand. He is normally cool and collected, but he has shown his agitation.

“Level 8 Cerberus. So you’re Overload.”

“You’re starting to remember when you were trying to strike behind my back and fell to it instead, right?”

Cha Jun Sung turns his wrist. Following the movement of his wrist, the Wolf Kill rotates like a fan. Dark Side did not answer.

How could he forget? He had failed not from an outright confrontation, but while trying to go behind his back.

“Ranking in the virtual is meaningless. This is reality.”

“Aha?”

Dark Side rolled his foot. He decreases dozens of meters of distance within moments.

Clang clang clang!

The scythe and sword go at each other. They are similar types. The scythe is heavier than the Wolf Kill. Hell Sword watched and then paired off with Empress of Light. It is 2 to 2.

“Red dye! You like the color red, so you must like blood too?”

Violet shows her madness. She has become the crazy bitch. The lost lives of allies cannot be compensated with anything. It is an eye for an eye.

“Ranking in the virtual is meaningless, but I did beat you, didn’t I?”

“You’re arrogant.”

“Well, this is exciting since it’s the first time I’m properly fighting with a ranker.”

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung applies the booster to his attack, kicking hard. He is better at this than any other ranker.

Bang!

Dark Side held his scythe up and blocked the incoming hit. His foot went through the

ground under the weight and booster's output.

"Your use of the booster is still the same."

"This is what I live off of. I have to use it well."

Bang bang bang!

Violet and Hell Sword are going head to head next to them. It is disadvantageous in the long run. Her energy was consumed while fighting 2 to 1.

Hell Sword would not let her regain her caliber. This is his only chance to kill her. She knows this well too, so she is pushing forward with all of her might.

-[Koharu, can you get out of there?]

-[I can't. If I leave, the balance we barely created is going to collapse.]

Koharu's end is busy too. A tiger has joined in a fight between wolves, but there are more than twice the number of enemies. It is all over as soon as the tiger looks away.

Kyoko is also fighting off enemies while looking after the injured. She does not have special combat skills, but she is rushing in with her trust in the battlesuit's defense.

"Who's on that side?"

"Are you worried about the people you sent? Say your farewells. Makung is on that side."

There is worry in Cha Jun Sung's face. He heard that he had been an archer in real life and had applied that in the game, quickly rising in ranks.

He is not a top ranker, but he is a murderer who enjoys PKs so he is outstanding with ranged combat. He could be too much for Park Jin Hyuk to handle.

He still trusts him.

"That kid is a sniper I recognize. He didn't do the virtual version for long but if he had started at the same time we did, he would have been neck and neck with Light Shooter."

Tang tang!

Cha Jun Sung pushed Dark Side out and spun his body, resting the Wolf Kill in its scabbard. Then he leaned forward.

“Come at me like before.”

“You’re... drawing the sword.”

Drawing is the basic with swords. Pulling out itself is part of an attack. Dark Side could not accede to the provocation. His body had been cut in half 2 years ago by that technique.

He thought, ‘This is reality. It isn’t the virtual. It won’t happen like it did then’ but his feet stayed in the same place. If he goes in and makes a mistake, it will be a repetition of what happened then and he will die.

“If you don’t come... I’m going.”

6 boosters flare up. It explodes before he pulls it out. The acceleration is doubled and there is an attack that breaks the sound barrier in close proximity.

Bang bang bang!

It was time for Cha Jun Sung to become a sharp sword. Suddenly, dozens of special cyborgs flew into the middle of the battlefield. What is happening?

An unexpected appearance. The battle came to a lull. They cannot handle the aftermath if they attack the cyborgs, so they retreated upon a tacit agreement.

-[Helper name, Crandell, Ajax, Tayron... We are arresting 39 people including these for declining deduction of points. If you refuse to obey orders, we will execute force.]

Everyone was astounded. It is entirely unexpected. The cyborg did not distinguish between the factions and randomly did a roll call of the refractory Lifers.

They had consumed points while in battle. Since they have nothing left, they cannot deduct but they do need to fight. It has become like this because they had ignored it.

All of the Lifers who were called out were in shock and looked to their respective

captains. Dark Side, Hell Sword, and Violet had looks of disbelief as well.

Special cyborgs can fight against level 6s with just the basic arms. Even if everyone here fought together, they would not be able to take 5 of them on but there are 30 of them here.

They cannot do anything but submit to them.

‘So it’s that kind of system.’

They do not know what will happen to the Lifers who have been arrested. They are sure the Lifers will not be killed.

Bang!

The Lifers’ eyes follow the sound of the explosion up a building. There are masses of red flames and smoke.

It is the only place where the battle has not caved to the silence and is still going on. It is Park Jin Hyuk and Makung’s battlefield, distant from the main battlefield.

Chapter 120

Ping!

Park Jin Hyuk flattened himself on the ground as if sliding. An arrow swept past him and went through a building behind him. Its strength is an eyesore.

An arrow that finds its target? It even penetrates concrete that is several dozens of centimeters thick from a couple hundred meters away. He has countless types of arrows.

They matched the situation they were needed for, exploding, freezing, rotating, becoming transparent, creating smoke, and more. Somehow, it is trickier than an un.

Ping ping ping!

Park Jin Hyuk is also experienced in shooting on the move, but he is clearly being pushed back.

The performance of his enemy's machine bows is impressive. The only things that the Head Hunter has only that bow is power and range. The rest falls behind.

He could not tell when far away, but the bow's advantages come out more and more as they become closer. Beyond a nuisance, he is now annoyed.

If he is to catch him as Cha Jun Sung told him to, he needs to get close. This is where the problems arise. The Head Hunter is a complete far range sniper rifle.

He switched the scope for medium range, but that is only makeshift. It is not a weapon that can shot by eyeing in the first place.

"Since it's become like this, I'll just go into hand to hand combat. I'll beat you to death."

He will find a way to get in front of him to fight. If the Head Hunter and bow are to become equal, he needs to create a distance where they cannot do anything.

Makung hides behind a large sign and aims his bow. The framework is the shape of a

bow, but it is a monster with machinery attached to it.

There is a laser scope attached to it to improve accuracy and range. It is possible to control the distance with a switch, and it can be reduced to close-range when brought down to the minimum.

Arrows are flown like normal bows where the bowstring is pulled.

Machine bows have triggers like guns since they are Hybrid Demons. If the trigger is pressed while the bowstring is pulled, the power is multiplied.

The bowstring can also be controlled freely, so there are a lot of uses for it. The Hybrid Demon is a C class weapon worth 2.5 million points.

Hybrid. A cross, mixed. It is a lethal weapon that preserves 100% of a bow's functions and mixes in some functions of a gun. It is 6 times the price of the Head Hunter, worth 400,000 points.

It is much better than a D class weapon, but it is mid-level among C class. Park Jin Hyuk could also buy a weapon worth millions of points if he wanted to.

He is just saving up for what he really wants because it is more than 9 million. In this state, it is better to get a really great weapon in one go.

But if he had known this were to happen, he would have just bought something else.

"What an obvious scheme."

Park Jin Hyuk focused on narrowing the distance rather than on engagement. Makung realized what he is trying to do. He intends to go into combat since he is at a disadvantage when at mid-range.

He understands. The match is not ending through sniping. It is nothing more than attrition warfare.

If they had been common soldiers instead of sniping Lifers, they would have hidden themselves and not moved from their positions.

The fight between Lifers is different. Furthermore, it is stupid for people with battlesuits to hide in one place. They are super people who can avoid bullets.

Unless they come out with cover, they just waste time.

If they want to reach a conclusion, they need to go within a detection radius. Both of their radii are on the fringe of 100m. At this point, the moment either of them makes a mistake is the moment of death.

“Will he be able to come?”

He could create as much distance as Park Jin Hyuk comes forward, but he does not do it. It is out of pride. He has the confidence to block the enemy's advance just by checking on him.

Makung strokes the Hybrid Demon. Its convenience cannot be explained in words. Who said that a bow is not as good as a gun?

The surroundings are visible because vision is open even while looking in the scope. It is easy to carry and possible to take sniping and shooting stances in any situation.

With sniper rifles on the other hand, vision is blocked once the eye is on the scope, and only the target is visible. It is good for focusing, but it is lacking in corresponding responses.

Unless it is a machine gun, the accuracy is off if attempted to be shot by eye like a bow. This is where the bow is advantageous in mid to close ranges.

Their current distance is 200 to 250 meters. It is the optimal distance for Makung.

Park Jin Hyuk looks toward the sign. Makung is aiming at the hiding place. If Park Jin Hyuk shows himself, he will shoot his arrow. Park Jin Hyuk needs to get moving, but it is not easy.

“Fine. Whether I cook or boil them, I'll cover for the points somehow.”

It is too late to approach him in normal ways now. He handed over the initiative for the fighting spirit, so offense and defense have been decided. If he wants to change the flow, he needs momentum.

Bang bang!

Park Jin Hyuk takes a deep breath and runs. An arrow embeds the place he passes.

He changed his route. He leapt up with strength and broke through the building glass to go inside. Hundreds of points are deducted. He has disappeared from the enemy's sight.

'Over there.'

He goes through 3 buildings and covers 200 meters. The next is a skyscraper with a sign on it. A Lifer holding a bow is looking down.

"Does he have an excess of points?"

Makung is mumbling in surprise. He must have lost 100,000 points with what he is doing. It seems he has chosen an extreme method because his path was blocked.

Park Jin Hyuk runs along the wall of a skyscraper as though running on flat land. A crack forms with every step he takes and the glass breaks.

Ping ping ping!

Makung shoots arrows down. Park Jin Hyuk runs in a zig zag, strengthens the outer shell of the battlesuit, and blocks arrows with his Head Hunter.

'Why are there so many arrows!'

He is barely reacting even with the battlesuit. It is concentration on concentration. The outer shell is going to be destroyed if he lets a single one through. He needs to avoid them as much as he can.

"I finally caught you!"

"You're seriously mistaken."

Caught? He let him catch him. He could create distance if he wants to. He did not because of his pride and something else.

There is no change in his attack power regardless of the distance.

If the opponent is strong, he will catch him and kill him even if the distance is widened. If the opponent is weak, he is just midday prey. Only those inferior focus on the little things.

As soon as Park Jin Hyuk settled on the roof, he went for Makung's legs. There is wind pressure. It is going for the legs in words, but it is really a low kick meant to destroy his shins.

Makung lifted his leg and stepped over it. Then, he used Park Jin Hyuk's rebound to rotate his body and give a strong high kick.

Bang!

"You're pretty good."

"Bullshit."

Park Jin Hyuk clenches his jaw. He wants to destroy Makung's mouth. If he could use the booster as Cha Jun Sung does, Makung would not be able to say such things.

He tried to learn, but he cannot control it once the booster releases power. He falls when he tries to kick and flies forward when he tries to punch.

Tang tang tang!

He rampaged the front with the Head Hunter. It is such a close range that one would be hit if standing in the direction of the muzzle. Makung is moving conversely to the muzzle.

The movement of his body is incredibly fast as an archer should be. His step is as light as a feather.

Makung turns a ring on the bow and scratches Park Jin Hyuk's neck with the string. It is a weapon that can even cut through stone because it was smelted with special alloys.

Park Jin Hyuk went back half a step. The outer shell is cut and a faint line is engraved on his neck. It would have been dangerous if it had been just a few centimeters deeper.

"A knife!"

"It's better than a knife with its cutting force."

Bang bang bang!

It is truly a splendid combat. Park Jin Hyuk never formally learned martial arts, but an instinct for fighting mutants is awakened in him.

He is not used to fighting Lifers, but he definitely has the basics down.

“Tricky.”

He always feels it, but it is laborious to fight someone with a battlesuit. There is no way to quickly overpower them if they know how to use even half of the functions.

Moderate attacks are detected by sensors. Because of that, they are able to avoid or block. There needs to be an accumulation of damages or one big hit.

Bang bang!

A smoke arrow explodes and smoke covers the roof. Park Jin Hyuk activated his senses. He does not need to be able to see with his eyes. They are super human.

There is a flood of attacks from several directions, but he took care of each one without falling to the surprise. After a few minutes, the smoke melted away.

“Is it because you’re Overload’s party member even if you’re not a ranker?”

“Eavesdropping like a little rat.”

“At times like this, it’s called just listening.”

They can hear each formations conversations through the radio. They can identify the situation without having to ask. Overload is Empress of Light’s reinforcement.

‘He’s strong. Makung? There are 36 rankers like this including Jun Sung and Koharu?’

He thought that he would have the upper hand in a close encounter battle, but Makung brandishes the bow like a sword.

He put the Head Hunter forward whenever he could not avoid it, but a scar formed each time. If it does not recover adequately, he has a feeling it will be broken to pieces.

“Why are you fighting so vigorously? Is there a reason to overdo it? Even if you are reinforcing Empress of Light, you’re just getting involved in someone else’s affairs.”

There is not enough motivation. Unless oneself or the party that one is in is in danger, it is a loss to risk their lives. At least, that is how Makung thinks.

“You don’t need to know that.”

“Is that so?”

If there needs to be a reason, shall he say that he does not like the flow or atmosphere of Makung and the murderers? He is understanding with his heart rather than his head.

“Let’s end it. I need to help them over there.”

“Says who... Ack!”

The Hybrid Demon has a cylinder as thick as an arm attached to a special part by the trigger, that does not block vision.

There are 10 spokes, each a half size larger than a chopstick, inside the cylinder. They are not shot with bowstrings, but with a special device that controls the shots.

It is so hidden that unless one read the Hybrid Demon manual or owns it, they would not know that it is there. Such a thing went off right from under his nose.

It happened in a moment. Park Jin Hyuk could not avoid it. A spoke went through the battlesuit. It did not go through completely because of the reinforcement of the outer shell, but half of it is embedded.

“Ah!”

It is not over. An electric current of tens of thousands of volts went off in the part that it dug into, and paralyzed his whole body. If he had been the average person, he would have been electrocuted.

Makung pulled the bowstring all the way to the end and shot with the highest power of penetration.

An arrow goes through his shoulder. Park Jin Hyuk is embedded on the wall by the pushing force. His feet are off of the ground and he is hanging like a doll.

“I’m a murderer with more than 500,000 kills in the virtual version as PKs. Even if this is reality, that know-how is all here.”

Makung taps his head with his finger. Life Mission is a virtual game that left the keyboard behind and used EEGs. He had done PKs as though his life depended on it.

When Cha Jun Sung was Overload, he did not enjoy PKs but also killed 100,000 through similar contents of PVP and while taking care of all types of bastards.

It is the same for Koharu. In that sense, this is where Park Jin Hyuk lacks experience as someone who only did Life Mission for a short amount of time. He has the talent, but he is still developing.

Park Jin Hyuk lifted his hand to pull the arrow out. His arm will not reach above his chest. The electric current continued and prevented normal recovery for his body.

“It’ll keep up for 2 minutes. I won’t give you pain.”

“You...!”

A laser aims at Park Jin Hyuk’s head. He intends to get him with a single shot.

“That’s... funny. You think you’re the only one with a wild card?”

Tang tang tang!

He tried to hit him with the Head Hunter, but the shot did not even get Makung’s foot. A bullet flings out from between the two of them. His arm does not go up.

“What a pity.”

“It’s a trick.”

Bang!

Park Jin Hyuk pretended to shoot a bullet and set off an explosive bomb that had been loaded. Makung is startled and retreats. That is when he set it off again.

Bang bang bang!

Park Jin Hyuk had shot it to under his foot. It cannot move with magnetism, so he is going to find assistance in fire power. It is dangerous, but he has no choice.

The wall he is hanging on collapses and he falls to the bottom of the building.

-[Battlesuit breakage rate 35.5%. Falling. Lifer's current state is of paralysis following electric shock. Transforming to automatic pilot mode, activate booster.]

The booster turned on right before crashing and reduced the speed. If he had collided as is, he would have died. He still cannot move his body.

"Is it a grenade? I could take a real hit if I underestimate him."

Makung looks down. It seems he is still paralyzed. All he needs to do is fire one shot. But everything needs to be done when the opportunity is there.

Pew pew pew pew!

Guns are firing from somewhere. Makung quickly ran away. Looking carefully, something appeared next to Park Jin Hyuk and is attacking him.

Cha Jun Sung had sent Hercules.

"Cyborg?"

He had heard that Overload has a toy. Makung aims his bow. At best, it is a high level. It can be finished with a few shots.

-[Makung, we're retreating.]

-[What? I've got him. I'll kill him right away and go help you.]

-[No, it's just a retreat. The situation isn't feasible. We'll explain later.]

A radio came in from Dark Side. The murderers seem to be disorderly, but they follow the rules that they have set well. Rashness is unnecessary.

"You're lucky."

Makung retreated. Hercules identified the enemy disappear, took Park Jin Hyuk, and

went back to Cha Jun Sung. There was no order to pursue.

Chapter 121

The battlefield is cleared. Getting to the conclusion first, 39 people were arrested off a roll call. The remaining people can find out where they were taken through their helpers.

They will be released if they pay the points on their behalf.

The police must not care about the Lifers' battle, because they disappeared after saying what they needed to. If they want to continue fighting, they could.

This is when Bolton interfered. He had gotten caught up in the moment and fought, but regained his senses when the battle had been intercepted. Violet was still in a craze.

'Miss... There is too much damage on the clan. If we can stop, we need to do it now. At this rate, we don't gain anything even if we win.'

Violet raised her voice, saying that she will kill them to get revenge. She is so angry that her eyes are bloodshot.

From a 3rd party perspective, Cha Jun Sung thinks that Bolton is right. Their power is similar. According to the flow now, the best it could be is a static struggle. There is no winner and loser.

On top of that, he did send Hercules but he is worried about Park Jin Hyuk.

Fortunately, Dark Side did not seem to want to fight anymore either. Why would he not? The situation was twisted and has come to this.

More than 10 million points must have been deducted from both sides. Cha Jun Sung alone lost 300,000 and Violet lost over 60,000.

It is said that people grow with mistakes and failures. All they did was create a mess, but they really learned something.

When Violet would not listen to Bolton, Cha Jun Sung got involved to convince her.

The atmosphere is already broken. Florence clan Lifers also looked like they wanted to stop. Continuing when it is difficult for them to handle it is grounds for losing chief status.

‘You guys... I’ll rip you to pieces. I’m going to kill all of you one day.’

It is the warning that Violet left with Dark Side as he retreated. They did not even pay attention to her. They have heard such words thousands of times.

32 people died and 15 were arrested. Cha Jun Sung looked at the Lifers taking care of the corpses and thought, ‘Are lives so trivial?’

It is a big deal if a person dies in real life, but it is a simple matter in this place.

Once the battle is over, the busiest person is Kyoko. She ran around to treat the wounded.

There is a shortage of medics, so some of the injured went back to the briefing room.

As time passed, Violet stabilized as well. She exchanged simple courtesies with Cha Jun Sung with tears in her eyes and went back to reality.

It could be seen as rude, but it is totally understandable. She must be conflicted. Cha Jun Sung is not narrow-minded.

Bang!

Cha Jun Sung turned his head at a heavy footstep. Park Jin Hyuk was returning in Hercules’ arms with an arrow in his shoulder.

“Sorry. I lost.”

“You did well.”

Cha Jun Sung comforted him. He had done his best. It is an impressive feat that he fought one-on-one against Makung and came back alive.

“It hurts. Be gentle.”

“...You shouldn’t get hurt if it hurts. Bear with it for a bit.”

Kyoko is treating Park Jin Hyuk. She cut his skin and took out the spoke. He cannot move his body because the effects of the electric shock are lingering.

“Next time...”

Park Jin Hyuk looks at the arrow and clenches his fists. No one likes to lose. He pledged to win if they meet again.

Bolton walked toward Cha Jun Sung. Since Violet went back, he is going to express his gratefulness on behalf of the clan.

“You have helped us twice including last time... Thank you.”

“It’s nothing.”

Cha Jun Sung waves his hand. They help where they can. Even if it had not been Violet, they are bound to fight if they are in the same place as the murderers.

“I hope you’ll understand Miss Violet’s behavior. Her feelings will be inexpressible.”

Is it guilt? It is true that the murderers started the fight, but it is because Violet killed people from their group.

She could not have imagined that killing those 2 murderers would result in the deaths of more people in her clan. How could they express how she is feeling right now?

His conversation with Bolton was short. Thank you for helping. Violet will be in touch soon. Everything was over after such formal talks.



Violet called a few days after the battle. She had calmed down during that time and had returned to normal.

He could not tell if she was fine or if she was pretending to be, but it will probably be the latter. She sincerely apologized for returning like that.

Cha Jun Sung did not really need an apology but they need to resolve things clearly, so he willingly accepted her apology.

Violet used her own points to release the Lifers taken by the police. A couple tens of thousands had gone up in smoke, but she did not care.

Including the points lost during battle, it reached almost 1 million. The clan suggested distributing the points, but she rejected it.

She must handle it herself to be at peace of mind. That is that, and Cha Jun Sung has a couple things to ask her.

“You said that you won’t fight?”

“Yes.”

Violet cancelled the battle that she had put forth as a condition for joining the party.

She has received all types of favors, but is pulling out now? Honestly, Cha Jun Sung was iffy about fighting for real but he did want to try fighting in the virtual.

It would be fun. But it is true that he is at a loss because she is refusing.

It is a pity, but he decided to just go past it. They can try later when they become friendlier and there will be a lot of opportunities. It is not urgent right now.

“If I join your party, will you take care of my family as well?”

“Are you talking about a bus?”

“Similar.”

Take care of them? He could. But Cha Jun Sung is against entering a level C mission with them. Level C is where Lifers’ abilities start to become fixed.

The contribution system is applied in level C advancement. If they fall short of this, they cannot go right over to level B. The time is coming for them to advance with their own strengths.

Everyone worked hard together but only some people go over to level B and the rest need to stay in level C?

It definitely will be helpful if he goes in with Florence clan Lifers. However, it is a

difficult mission with active level 5 and 6 mutants.

There are as many sacrifices they need to make as there is help. In that case, it is better to let them grow in a place that is a better fit for them than to drag them in.

At times, small groups are at an advantage over big groups. If it is Cha Jun Sung's party and Violet, they could control themselves.

"Don't take this the wrong way and hear me out. It does not help Lifers who are below level C to enter the mission. It is telling them to die."

It is better to purchase a battlesuit in level D than to be carried along by others.

This is certainly the case for rankers, but the higher level groups under them are in the process of completing their points. It is proof that time is fair to everyone.

Within 1 month, the number of Lifers with battlesuits will increase exponentially. Average Lifers will gain the qualification to make an attempt at level C missions as well.

"Foster self-reliance?"

"Do you understand?"

"Roughly. If I join the party, what are you going to do after?"

Beep beep.

Cha Jun Sung chose a mission from the PDA and sent it to Violet.

He is sharing information. Violet accepted the information. The mission description comes up on her PDA. Why is he showing her this?

"If you accept, we could go right away."

"Th-this?"

[C Mission: Closed Area] [Goal: Attainment] [Description: Dilapidated, a forgotten

land, a place used to isolate the infected has become a habitat. The angry insulators resented the world that abandoned them, making them become monsters. Among them, truculent ones were born. Bring the truculent beings ruling Closed Area.] [Reward: 600,000 points. Lucky box.]

It is the Caicus mission. The mission is the same as it was for the tutorial. Other than the fact that the description has become more detailed, nothing is very different.

Truculent being. It is a one hit mission where they just have to take care of the Caicus. Escape missions are rare starting with level C. They are annihilation or attainment.

D and E are just warm ups and C is when the real missions start. It is the moment when bases are grasped. They are to focus on hunting.

They did not have to hunt in escape missions because all they needed to do was run away.

Cha Jun Sung intends to avoid annihilation from now on. There are more points with the number of mutants they catch, but those missions take a long time because they need to catch all of them.

He will focus on going through missions like this one where they just need to attain a specific goal for it to be over. It is fitting for a small group.

“600,000...”

Violet fades off. She had been alone, but she almost died in a 200,000 point mission. 600,000 is 3 times that. If the clan finds out, they will oppose it because it is dangerous.

“I know about that mission. I know what the truculent being is too.”

“How do you know that?”

He does not need to cite the notepad. He had experienced the tutorial mission for himself. He witnessed the Caicus and he remembers the terrain and atmosphere.

“My tutorial was there. I received 5,000 points because I completed a special mission there. That became the foothold for my growth.”

The Caicus in Closed Area is a masculine adult that is 10m tall. It is strong but it is on the average side in size for its kind.

“Um...”

Violet is in contemplation. This party has 2 rankers and an outstanding sniper. If she joins, there are 4 combat personnel.

Kyoko will not directly get involved in battle because she is a medic, but they could easily take on a Caicus with their strength.

A level 6 might be too much but she feels that they could even take on 2 top level 5s. That is on the premise that its underlings do not come out.

‘Twin giants.’

Cha Jun Sung repeated this. The keyword for Closed Area is twin giants. It means that there are 2 Caicuses and he had seen one of them.

Since they are not the top of their species, the party can hunt them with their strength. In case of an emergency, Kyoko and Hercules can fight too. They can do a lot if their strengths are combined.

“Level B. I’m going to advance in the shortest time possible and go over to level B.”

“Level B?”

Though indirectly, he has experienced a 1.8 million point mission. In comparison, he can estimate that it is roughly the difficulty of level C.

If he purchases weapons and support gear, he can develop faster than expected.

It is different by level, but the important thing is whether or not a Lifer can face the strongest mutant in a given mission.

All of the hardships and adversities they go through are in vain if they collapse in the end.

If they want to make an attempt at a level C advance mission at 2 million points, each person needs to own a battlesuit and must have gone through the preparations for a

level 6.

‘Remodeling is urgently needed.’

He needs to remodel his battlesuit. In Cha Jun Sung’s case, he can lift the over booster. The problem is that he cannot remodel in a level C store.

It is 100% level B. He thought up to here as well. If he cannot do it with quality, he will push through with quantity. With normal Lifers? Of course not; with rankers.

He will get a hand from Lim Si Hyun and Han Chang Jin and exchange with additional rankers.

He can run into them because Mechanic City is open. They need to know how to help each other if they all want to grow. Later on, they will have to join forces even if they do not want to.

Thinking generously, 15 rankers with battlesuits should be enough. If they cannot remodel either, they will know that they need to push through with numbers.

“You said that this mission is possible right away if I accept?”

“Excuse me? Yes. We need a bit of preparation, but we could go tomorrow latest.”

“Let’s go.”

“Great.”

Violet accepted. She does not hesitate. She had been waiting and was all prepared. All she has to do is move them into actions.

Chapter 122

“Interesting. You attacked Empress of Light but Overload and Amhu showed up? Haha!”

Blood King laughs joyfully at Dark Side’s words. How had they already met when it has not been long since Mechanic City was opened?

At this rate, all 36 rankers will meet somehow. A thrill, different from what he feels in missions, goes throughout his body.

Blood King is certain that after a few months here, there will be opposing forces over the land in Mechanic City.

Since there are no restrictions on real estate trading, doesn’t it mean that people with more points are at an advantage? Someone could even surpass an area and own a zone.

It is unlikely, but people are mysterious and can make the impossible happen. If it is difficult, they can do it with unions.

“There’s something I want to do more than missions now.”

“Is it acquiring land?”

Dark Side finished his thought. Acquiring land? That is right but his hidden intentions were not that simple. The scale is large.

He can see a bloody war before them in order to get that land.

“Buy the zone and area we’re in now. Kill anyone who tries to settle in the vicinity. Add incoming guild members here too.”

There are 7 rankers who gathered under the purpose of Blood Kingdom and they need to find more, but they cannot get in contact. They are sure to meet while they are here.

“We will do it in our way.”

Everyone agrees with what Blood King says. They are not bad.

It is just that the way they go through Life Mission is different. Ultimately, their final goal is to advance all the way to level S by acting as their helpers' puppets.



Bugs cry. It is a ringing that they have heard hundreds of times.

Cha Jun Sung and his party members react to this sound that they always heard when taking walks through parks or wherever there is lush grass.

"It's different."

"Since even normal and common things are different by what they are applied to."

If they think about it, it is nothing. But it cannot be easy to hear such sounds of nature in a world that has been infected by the virus.

Cha Jun Sung is in a forest. It is not thick enough to think of it as being dense.

There are tall trees and grass here and there, but it was not hard to get a view and with that view, they can see Closed Area.

He remembers what Odin said during the tutorial. The building where Cha Jun Sung is and the landscape he could see from the building is just the tip of the iceberg.

Hundreds of buildings forms 1 area, and there are dozens more of those.

The front of Closed Area is surrounded in mountains. The environment is one thing but when considering their habits, they will have a hard time finding the party where they are now.

"The Caicus has a lot of eyes, so it's sensitive to sight. So it likes stuffy rooms. It will usually dig in mountains or the ground to make a habitat."

It is second nature. They sense living creatures' breathing that they see with their eyes but it is just a standard for determining their prey, and the way that they think is not very different from humans.

With dozens of eyes, it is easy to get tired. Because of this, they rest in a place without anything to worry about as long as they do not need to be out.

It must be this quiet because they are hidden somewhere.

Cha Jun Sung climbs a mountain. There is no path. Wherever he decides to walk is the path. He means to search the mountain first because it will be easier to move around in than the city.

Analyzing the party's power against Closed Area's difficulty, it is a level that they can handle. They will be able to complete the mission even if they come face-to-face.

Then, they cannot go around searching recklessly. No matter how easy it is from analysis, it is still a level C. They need to learn about the atmosphere to some extent.

"This is the first real time, but his methods are similar to yours."

Violet was bored and spoke. She had no time to observe Cha Jun Sung before because though he had saved her life, she had joined when the dominated land was a mess.

Seeing him for the first time, he is the cautious type like Bolton.

Bolton is very careful. Whether it is due to his personality or because he places weight on life, he is always the same even if the force that she is in enters a level D mission.

He would proceed methodically and then release the force once he thought, 'This is enough.' The opposite from Violet.

She is cautious as well. It is just that she pushes forward if it is obvious that they have an advantage in power. She appropriately controls strength.

"Are you talking about Bolton?"

"You remembered his name?"

"It's not hard to remember. All you have to do is pay attention a bit."

Not everyone can work in the same way. Some people are like this and some people are like that. Each Lifer has his or her own method of attack.

Violet pointedly expressed the allies supporting her. It must be a compliment because it will not be a generalized insult.

“There’s nothing in particular.”

“Nothing gets caught on the scan either.”

“You’re not thinking of searching through the whole mountain, are you? That would easily take a few days.”

It would be a few days because of the battlesuits’ field scans. If they had come without them, it would take a couple months, though they would have done something by then.

They were not very productive with their sight after wandering for several hours. This side is trees and there are mountains over there. They do not see any mutants either.

“Stay here. I’ll try going up there.”

“We’ll be waiting.”

Cha Jun Sung activated the booster. In the direction he is looking is a tower so tall that they need to bend their heads all the way back to see it from a mountain.

There are limits to field scans. If he goes up and looks around, he will be able to get an approximate idea of Closed Area’s layout.

“The drivers are impressive. How do they come up this high?”

About 150 to 160 meters? Cha Jun Sung was fortunately able to use the battlesuit to fly up but if he had not had it, he would have had to come up using a ladder.

Elevator? There isn’t one. The safety devices are insufficient too. Do they need to die? The building can be covered with just one finger. It is an optical illusion caused by distance.

The top of the tower. There is enough space for one or two people at most to sit. He recorded the panorama here as a hologram.

Pat pat pat!

“It’s a mutant.”

Dark figures go in and out of the building. There are level 1 and 2. He did not care about them. He is not here to catch them and he has no plan to.

He used to catch them as he saw them for the sake of points, but he considers efficiency now. It is better to take care of the big one and try again after.

“Have they cleaned up the area? How is it that there’s only prey here?”

The mutants Cha Jun Sung had fought until now had mostly been homogeneous.

From adultoids to imagos, they were the same species with different stages of development, allowing them to live in coexistence.

If they are ambiguous, they need to struggle to survive under strong mutants.

But the Caicus is a top level mutant that live in family units, and their population is not that large considering other level 5s.

Unless there is a predator that they cannot handle, they specify the area as their territory and capture and eat the mutants that may pose danger to them first.

Removing competitors and hunting prey – they are granted these 2 of significance.

The Caicus boasts a body like steel and superhuman strength. It would be comfortable if they could control level 3 and 4s, but they are far from mind control.

Since they cannot control them, it puts them at ease to kill any potential threats.

If the area has been organized as expected, there is no reason for there to be other mutants for them to be aware of. They would all have died.

“If that’s the situation...”

Cha Jun Sung goes back to his party members. Humans and mutants both do not like invasion of privacy. He cannot find them? He needs to make it so they come looking for him.

Just like the last time as that drunkard had done without realizing he would die.

“You’re here?”

“Yeah. I think they’ve cleaned up the area.”

“What’s that?”

Koharu explained on Cha Jun Sung’s behalf. She was bored too.

“It’s characteristic for mutants who like living exclusively in small numbers. Since they’re strong, they don’t leave risks in their area. I don’t know their standards, but a level 3 or 4 like the Caicus would have gotten rid of 100% of level 4s.”

Koharu summarized concisely and it is all information that Violet and Kyoko already know.

Park Jin Hyuk lacks this kind of knowledge. The time he has played Life Mission is very short. He was busy trying to figure out what everything is now.



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